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Dashing through the snow... to fetch the Christmas Bumper Pack of Pokémon World from the local newsagent! Hey, welcome to our super Christmas issue, Pokémon fans! We've packed this issue with great Pokémon goodness – and made it a BUMPER Christmas Special with loads of extra gifts in the bag for you. We look back at 2008 to see just what was happening in the world of Pokémon each month, we've got loads of new screens of Pokémon Platinum for you to drool over and we have four pages of tricky puzzles you can do on Boxing Day... enjoy and Merry Christmas!

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Looking for Pokémon stocking fillers? Try our Mew's News section – it's full of them!

The 12 months of Pokémon... we look back at 2008 on page 12 – which was the best month for games?

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MEW'S NEWS

Almia In English!

With the new Pokémon Ranger now in the shops, we can reveal the English names for places and missions in the game...

Yes, we brought you some hints and tips for *Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia* last month, but we were still playing the Japanese game. Now we have the English one, we can update you on all the name changes in the adventure. The new names are pretty close to the Japanese originals, in fact some places have stayed the same.

Almia Locations – Here we have the Japanese location names on the left and the English on the right...

Chikore Village... Chicole Village
Vien Town... Vientown
Beach Cave... Marine Cave
Freighter... Cargo Ship
Pueru Town... Pueltown
Asoheru Park... Altru Park
Asoheru Building... Altru Building
Asoheru Tower... Altru Tower
Inochi Cliffs... Peril Cliffs
Buruburu Village... Shiver Village
Haruba Village... Haruba Village
Haruba Desert... Haruba Desert
Hippowdon Temple... Hippowdon Temple
Boil Island... Boyleland
Volcano Cave... Volcano Cave
Nurie Road... Chroma Road
Nurie Field... Chroma Highlands
Nurie Ruins... Chroma Ruins
The Crystal Lake... Crysta Cave
Almia Castle... Almia Castle
Wailord Lake... Sea of Wailord
Pueru Sea... Puel Sea
Offshore Oil Platform
Hideout... Oil Field Hideout

Special Missions – There are six Special Missions that will be unlocked through Nintendo Wi-Fi over the coming months. Be very careful with these, though, as each mission is only available for a short period of time from Nintendo. If you forget to download it, you will miss out! You must play these missions to get special Pokémon that you can then send to your *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl* games. Each Pokémon can only be transferred once, though, so make it count...

- Recover the Manaphy Egg
- Rescue kidnapped Riolu!
- Liberate the Tower!
- Dialga in Hia Valley!?
- Palkia in Haruba Desert!?
- For the Bride and Shaymin!

The first two missions were available from the launch of the game on 21 November and will be online until the end of January – we'll keep you updated as to when the rest will be up for grabs via Wi-Fi. Keep reading Pokémon World for the latest info each month!

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Meet Team Dim Sun

No Pokémon game would be complete without a bunch of villains, and we would like to introduce you to the new kids on the block...

This is the new team that are set to cause you all sorts of trouble in *Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia*. Their leader is a very mysterious chap called Blake Hall, and Team Dim Sun have their own Grunts and Elite Grunts, as you can see below. Their aim is to wake up Darkrai and see the world sucked into an alternate dimension.

To get Darkrai working towards their goal they must pick up three stones – one shaped like a moon, one like a drop of water and one like fire. With these three stones put together with a large purple crystal, Darkrai will awaken.

Second in command in Team Dim Sun is Kincaid who works undercover at the Ranger School, recruiting students to work for the team. They use odd machines called Gigaremo Units to hypnotise Pokémon, and in the game you will have to destroy these machines to release the poor monsters inside. Watch out for this bunch!

TEAM DIM SUN

WATCH OUT FOR THEM!

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Win Yourself Some Ninja Goodies!

A Nintendo DS Lite, Ninjatown games, T-shirts, stickers and badges up for grabs!

We've reviewed the brilliant *Ninjatown* this issue, and they are starring on our cover, too, so how about winning some ninja goodies and maybe even a new Nintendo DS Lite and a copy of the game? Just answer the question below and send your entry to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk naming your email 'Ninjatown Comp'. You can also send your entry in to the usual postal address.

What do the green Forest Ninjas fire at enemies?

A. Arrows
B. Custard
C. Banjos

Please get your entries in to us no later than 12 January 2009. Winners will be drawn at random – good luck all!

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A Platinum Ranch?

My Pokémon Ranch gets an update after Platinum launches in Japan...

With the latest adventure in Sinnoh selling well in Japan, Nintendo has had to release an update to WiiWare's *My Pokémon Ranch* to make it compatible with *Platinum*. You can now enjoy playing with Shaymin in its Sky Forme as you tend to the monsters that have joined your collection.

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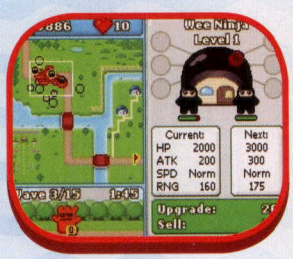

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Got Your Ben 10 Pit Freebie?

The start of a cool card game free with this issue!

Free in this month's issue of Pokémon World are two really cool, glow-in-the-dark Ben Tennyson and Vilgax Powercards for you to use in the fantastic new game, Ben 10 Pit. Featuring Stinkfly, Wildmutt, Fourarms, Heatblast and even more of Ben's alien forms, this game is super freaky! With Ben 10 Pit, you must harness the power of the Omnitrix and transform your alien cards into a complete set before anyone else does! You'll need all your speed and intelligence to deal and swap your cards. Remember to use your Powercards wisely as they'll help you beat your opponents and win you the game! Ben 10 Pit is available now at Debenhams, WHSmith and Borders, and at Tesco and Woolworths in January.

Deck The Halls!

Turn your bedroom into a videogame with these cool wall-sticker kits from Supernice and Nintendo...

Take a look at the photos of people's bedrooms on these pages – cool, eh? These wall designs were created using super-high quality, easy stick, easy peel, moveable and reusable stickers of each sprite from the games on show. They are from innovative surface graphics company Blik, who has been working with Nintendo to turn *Super Mario Bros*, *Donkey Kong* and *New Super Mario Bros* into bedroom scenes. The sets sell for £65 each, and inside you get up to 42 individual sprites to stick to your wall, allowing you to make scenes from the game in larger-than-life size! Available in the USA for a while, now Supernice has brought these stickers to the UK market, and the company has been kind enough to give us five packs to give away to lucky Pokémon World readers. All you have to do is answer the question and send your entry to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk naming your email 'Wall Stickers Compo'. If you really must you can also send your entry in to the usual postal address.

What year did Mario make his first appearance in a game with Donkey Kong?

A. 1976
B. 1981
C. 2001

Please get your entries in to us no later than 12 January 2009. The winners will be drawn at random from the editor's Xmas socks!

Down The Book Shop

Top New Year books from our friends at Puffin...

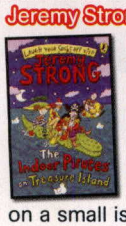
The Lost Island Of Tamarind

Nadia Aguiar

Three children are alone on the ocean waves after a fierce storm throws their parents into the icy waters. Maya, Simon and Penny now face a wild rescue adventure.

The Indoor Pirates On Treasure Island

Jeremy Strong



Captain Blackpatch has bought a pirate truck to take the pirates on a lovely camping holiday. Once they get there he becomes convinced that treasure is buried on a small island and sets off to investigate. If you have read any of Jeremy Strong's books, you will know that this new one will deliver laughs aplenty with some crazy characters! Check it out!

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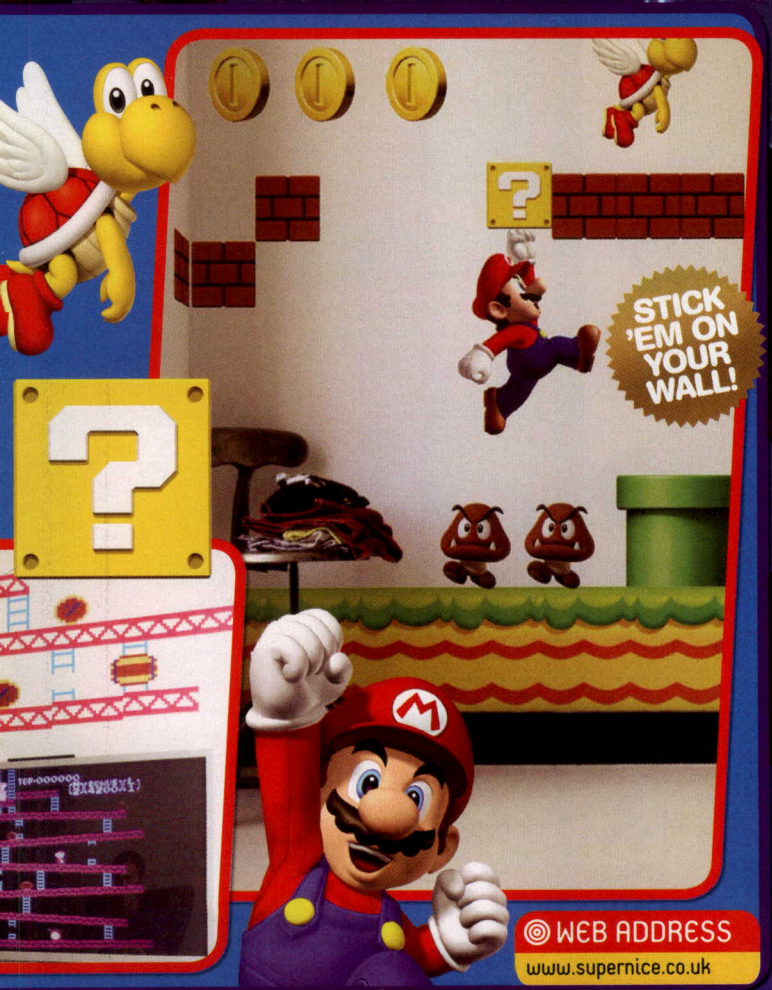
Pokémon Ranger: Shadows of Almia

Character Profile

Professor Hastings

Living in Fall City in the Fiore region, Hastings is the Ranger Union's chief of technology. This is the man responsible for creating the Capture Styler, and if you played the first *Ranger* game, you would have escorted him from Ringtown to Fall City in one of the missions. He is back in *Shadows Of Almia*, sporting some lovely purple trousers and experimenting on Pokémon!



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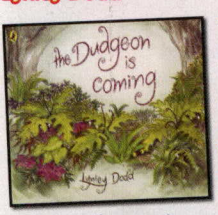
The Dudgeon Is Coming

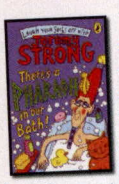
Lynley Dodd



The Dudgeon is coming – and what's more, he's coming tonight! He's shy and polite, so why is everyone becoming more and more alarmed as the time of his arrival approaches? One for the five to eight-year-old readers out there, it's a story that will keep everyone's attention come bedtime!

There's A Pharaoh In Our Bath!

Jeremy Strong



Tony Lightspeed is always bringing home sick and injured animals, so when he turns up with an unconscious man dressed from head to toe in rather stinky bandages, his family aren't too surprised. What a crazy bunch, eh?

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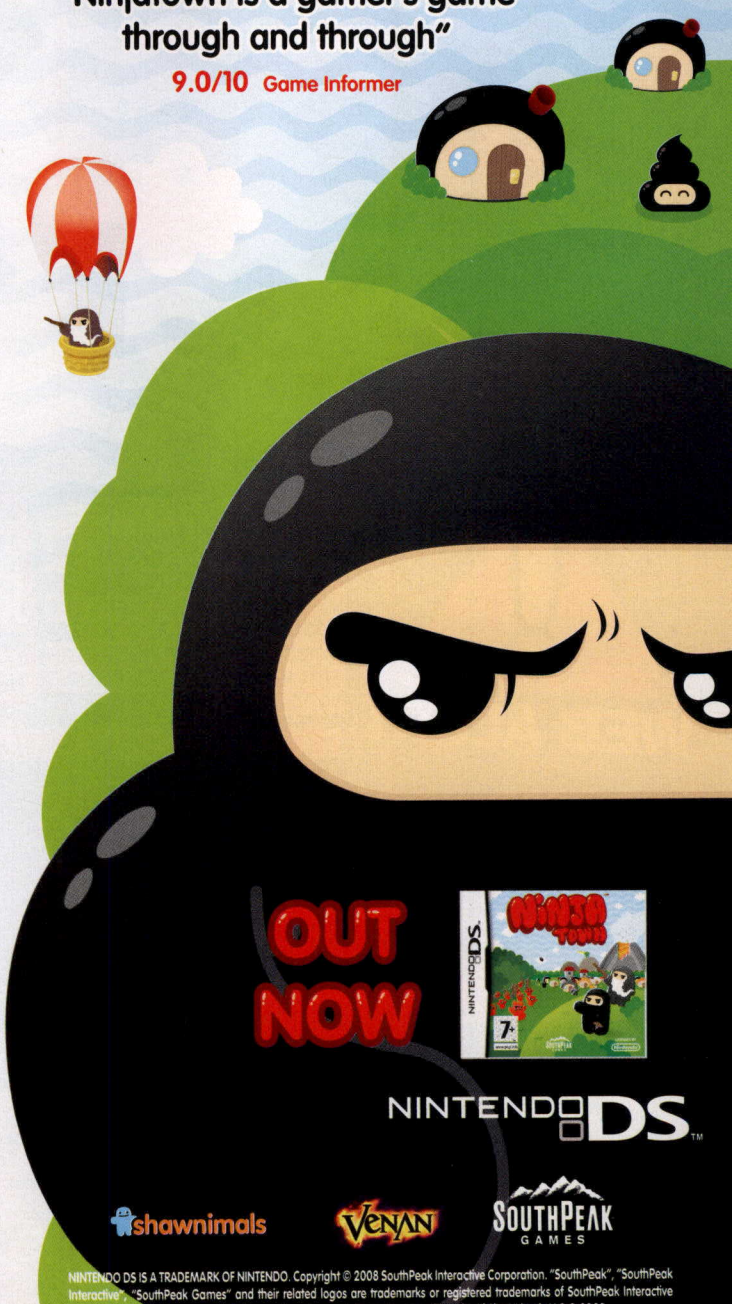

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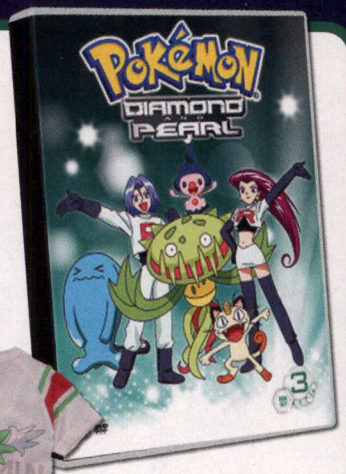
Last-Minute PokéStocking Fillers

Looking for something to fill the stockings of Pokémon fans this year? Check this lot out...

Wow – there's some great *Pokémon* stuff out there, whether you check out your local toy shop or go online, if you search around you can find some brilliant stuff. Just take a look at these items that are on our wish list for Santa.

How about a DVD boxset of *Diamond & Pearl* episodes to watch on Boxing Day? You'll be able to find it on DVD import websites as it's American. Or there's a cool selection of Japanese T-shirts starring Legendary Pokémon. Best of all, though – a Giratina Lego set with blocks starring Pikachu and Shaymin. Google them all!



WEB ALERT

Browsers at the ready! We are proud to announce the launch of a brand new Pokémon battling website! Check it out the address below and see which Pokémon you think will win each battle that pops up!

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Pokémon Up In Lights!

The ultimate lights for your Christmas tree this year... illuminated Pokémon!

Here's something that we would all love to see down our local supermarket this Christmas – four illuminated Pokémon to decorate your house with this festive season. Coming in Pikachu, Piplup, Turtwig and Chimchar flavours, these are brilliant replacements for the traditional Father Christmas on a train or reindeer with nodding head. Sadly, like many things that we stumble upon putting this magazine together, these are only available in Japan right now, but we're sure you would agree there would be a demand for them if they ever came out over here!

Coming Soon To A Bedroom Near You...

The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor

Format DVD • **Studio** Universal Pictures
Rating 12 • **Release date** 1 December

How many times must you be chased by a mummy before you think "I'm not going back there again"? Well Brendan Fraser returns in this movie, this time to a Dragon Emperor's tomb where big battles are sure to happen!

Space Chimps

Format DVD • **Studio** Entertainment in Video
Rating U • **Release date** 1 December

Monkeys going into space in an animated movie – what more could you need to know? This is a great romp where circus monkey Ham III tries to live up to his dad's legacy – he was the first monkey in space!

Animal Crossing: Let's Go To The City

Format Nintendo Wii • **Publisher** Nintendo
Game type Adventure • **Release date** 5 December

It's the big Wii release for Christmas and offers you an entire world to get lost in. Go fishing, collect shells, watch fireworks with friends, build a snowman, exchange presents – wow, anything goes here!

Dragon Ball Z: Infinite World

Format PlayStation 2 • **Publisher** Atari
Game type Fighting • **Release date** 5 December

This game combines all the best elements of previous *Dragon Ball Z: Budokai* games, while also boasting new features such as Dragon Missions, new battle types and drama scenes for fans to delve deeper than ever.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

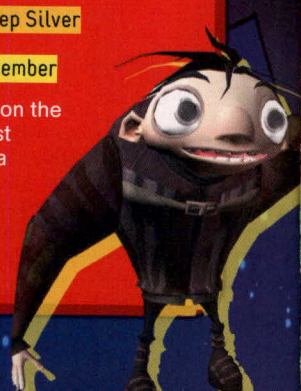
Format DVD • **Studio** Warner Home Video
Rating 12 • **Release date** 8 December

The animated *Star Wars* comes to DVD this month. The heroic Jedi Knights are struggling to restore peace and more star systems are falling to the dark side. In steps Anakin Skywalker to save the day!

Igor

Format DS • **Publisher** Deep Silver
Game type Action • **Release date** 5 December

For a twist on the evil scientist becoming a monster tale, check out this new DS game of the movie. It's packed with cool features!



Pokémon Challenge

LET BATTLE COMMENCE!

A new feature for you – challenge us to a Pokémon battle with your own copy of Pokémon Diamond or Pearl! To kick us off, here's a gruesome encounter between Henrie and Mark – Pokéballs at the ready!

We choose You!

How to challenge us...

1

You need a copy of *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl* – duh!

2

Email your details, your photo and your Friend Code to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk with the subject line 'Challenge'.

3

If you get chosen, we'll get back to you with our details and a time for the battle/race.

4

No matter who wins (even in the unlikely event that it's you), we print the results in the magazine.

Fight!

It's always tough deciding which Pokémon you're going to use. Just three out of hundreds will carry us through battle. We decide to mix up the elements, Water/Ice, Electric and Dragon/Ground. Luckily it turns out that our opponent, Mark, has decided not to bring any Fire Pokémon. This doesn't mean it's going to be easy, though – far from it.

Silence falls on the battlefield as we bring out Jolteon to combat Mark's Weavile. We have Jolteon unleash Thunderbolt that zaps away over half of Weavile's health. Nice one! Our victory dances are short-lived, however, as Weavile's Ice Punch attack brings poor Jolteon's health down to one point. Knowing that he is on the run, we use one last Thunderbolt attack to down the Weavile.

Mark brings out Rhyperior, and Jolteon's Hidden Power attack is super-effective against the armoured beast. But poor little Jolteon succumbs to his overwhelming Avalanche attack. Garchomp is up next and straight away we have him blast the opponent with Outrage. Like clockwork, he replies with Avalanche, leaving Garchomp dead in one attack. However, despite this, we know that our opponent is vulnerable and on the run. With no other choice, we bring out Dewgong and use Ice Shard that finishes him off in just one hit!

Salamence is up next for a beating by us. Not wanting to be predictable, but loving its power, we just use Dewgong's Ice Shard all the way for this battle. The result is devastating and we jump for joy. Most of our Pokémon are dead, but Dewgong saves the day. Seal claps all round, onk onk! (Our apologies for the terrible seal impression.)

the final word

We were worried midway through the battle, having lost two Pokémon in a row to Rhyperior's Avalanche attack. But we stuck to our guns and found that our saviour lay in a sea mammal. We know that relying on too many Ice attacks may be our undoing, but if no one's going to bring out a killer Ninetails or Charizard, we're going to just keep on using them.

team Henrie

Weavile
Dark/Ice
Rhyperior
Ground/Rock
His Pokémon were strong, but we reckon he didn't pick his elements very well. Or maybe it was just down to luck...
Salamence
Dragon/Flying

team Mark

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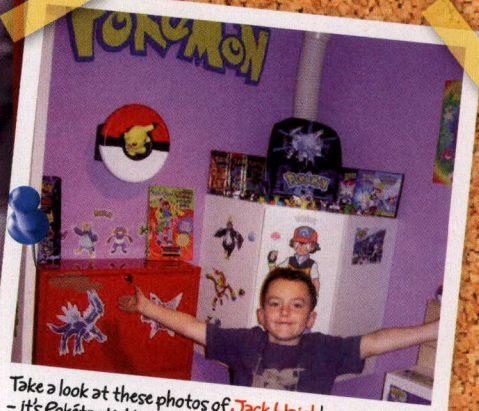
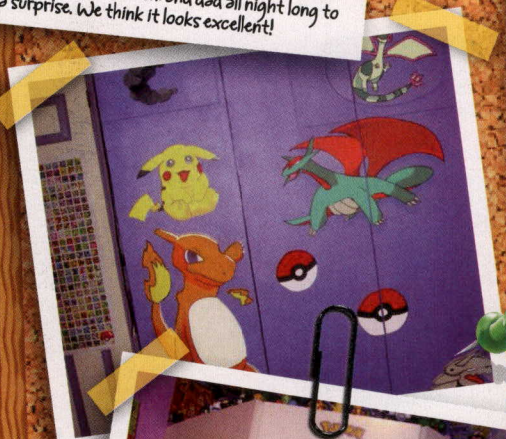
What did the cat say to the fish?

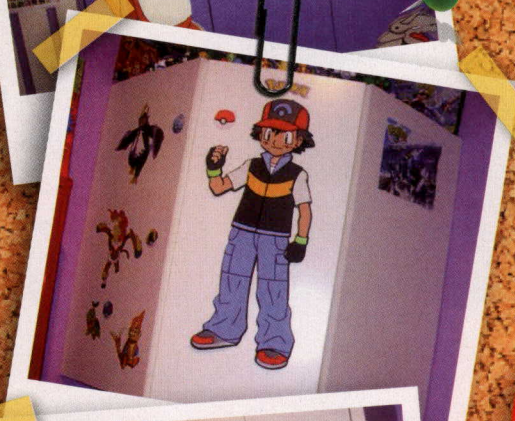
Corphish (cor... fish)!

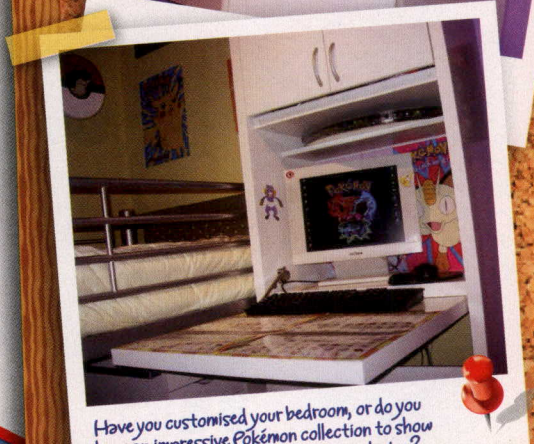
From Vampire Slayer



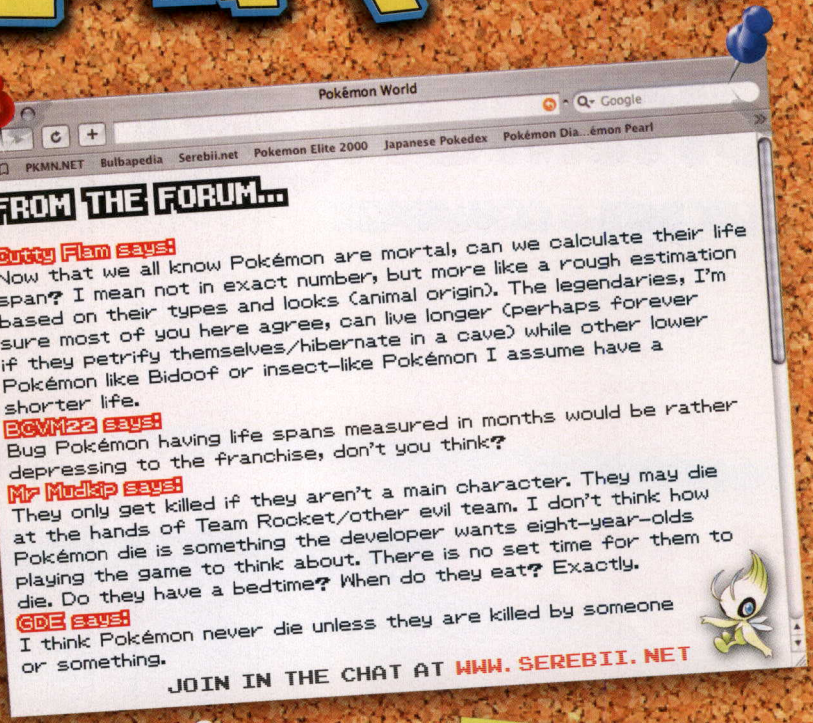
Take a look at these photos of Jack Haigh's new bedroom – it's Pokétastic! It took his mum and dad all night long to do this as a surprise. We think it looks excellent!







Have you customised your bedroom, or do you have an impressive Pokémon collection to show off? Why not email or post us some photos?



FROM THE FORUM...

Cutty Flam says:
Now that we all know Pokémon are mortal, can we calculate their life span? I mean not in exact number, but more like a rough estimation based on their types and looks (animal origin). The legendaries, I'm sure most of you here agree, can live longer (perhaps forever if they petrify themselves/hibernate in a cave) while other lower Pokémon like Bidoof or insect-like Pokémon I assume have a shorter life.

BCVM22 says:
Bug Pokémon having life spans measured in months would be rather depressing to the franchise, don't you think?

Mr Mudkip says:
They only get killed if they aren't a main character. They may die at the hands of Team Rocket/other evil team. I don't think how Pokémon die is something the developer wants eight-year-olds playing the game to think about. There is no set time for them to die. Do they have a bedtime? When do they eat? Exactly.

GDE says:
I think Pokémon never die unless they are killed by someone or something.

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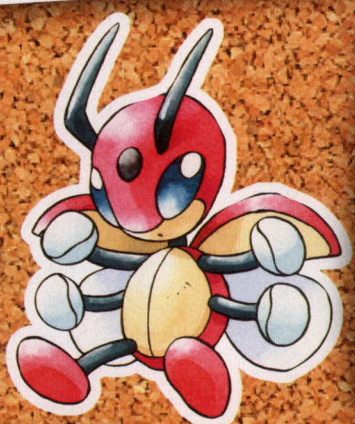


I have known Pokémon all my life, and I think that they're fantastic. Ever since I was 12, I feared the day I would have to let go, for you see, the people in my neighbourhood think that Pokémon is for kids. But now I think differently. It doesn't matter how old you are when it comes to Pokémon or the Kirby series (I like that too!) When these people understood what I was saying they found another problem. They said that naming my Pokémon was silly! Can you imagine that? It's like getting a dog and instead of naming him 'Max', you just called him 'dog'! I mean, Pokémon you catch are your pets, right?

Astrid Nessbound, age 17 (and I still love Pokémon)

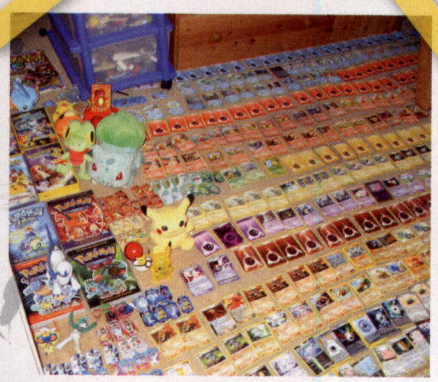
Quite right too, Astrid, we all love Pokémon here at Pokémon World – and some of us are more than double your age!

Why doesn't anyone love Jumpluff?

Because he's a drifter.

From Octoboy

Please could you print my Pokémon pictures in your wonderful magazine. Jake Marsden Hirst



This is nearly all my Pokémon stuff. I'm getting Pokémon Movie 10 for my birthday. My favourite Pokémon is Gallade. On Diamond I have all 490 Pokémon! Ruth Harrison

Dear Pokémon World,
I really enjoyed the Pokémon Diamond game and look forward to Pokémon Platinum. When I saw this advert I didn't know what it was, so when I chatted with my friend I told him and he had seen it as well. To cut a long story short, we agreed that it had to be some new forms of Rotom.
PS I got a great set of Nintendo DS stickers for only £4.15!
Zack Dove, age 10, Newbury

Yes that's right, Zack... as you might have seen in recent issues of Pokémon World it has been confirmed that there are various forms of Rotom in the Platinum game due out next year in the UK.

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or hints leading to the truth about these silhouettes, check
e fliers included in this product's packaging.
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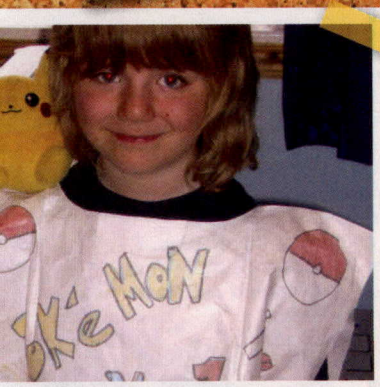

Take, that's a great Pokémon collection, and we ularly like your special Pokémon No 1 fan top that wearing – cool!

Pokémon Fan Fiction

Ultimate Power Unity

By Sidtharth Sureshkumar, Age 10, Basildon

One peaceful day on Full Moon Island, a large Torterra and a feisty Infernape agreed to have a battle next to the shore. Torterra started the battle with a powerful Razor Leaf, but Infernape used a burning Flamethrower to create a huge impact! The two Pokémon went head to head by using Tackle and they both took critical damage. Infernape used a charged-up Focus Punch, but Torterra protected himself using a strong Safeguard, and then used Synthesis for a full recovery! Infernape used a Fiery Flare Blitz on Torterra for a massive amount of damage, and Torterra used Leaf Storm to attack Infernape. Torterra then used Frenzy Plant and Infernape used Blast Burn to form a gigantic explosion!

Suddenly, a Cresselia started to attack both of them using a coloured Aurora Beam and then she attacked using a strong Psychic move. She then used Moonlight to heal Torterra and Infernape, and then used Mist to create a big fog and she quickly disappeared. After the mist cleared up, Torterra and Infernape decided the battle was a draw. Then they met up with their friend, Empleon.

Empoleon used Hydro Pump to knock some delicious Oran Berries off the trees. Then Electivire and Magmortar helped out by using a blazing Fire Blast and a shocking Thunder Punch to knock of some nice Nanab Berries off the trees.

Finally, a Lucario used a powerful Bone Club to knock some good Sitrus Berries. Then the six wicked Pokémon had the most massive feast ever! After that they saw a wondrous Lugia and they also saw a Machop using Focus Punch! Everything on Full Moon Island was peaceful again...

THE END

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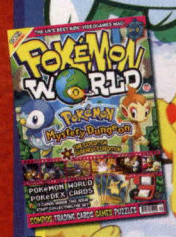
LOOK BACK AT 2008

Can you remember what you did in 2008? Something Pokémon related we imagine. Just to jog your memory, here's a Look Back at the year, highlighting all that Pokémon goodness...

January



Way back in January we announced that Pokémon Snap *was coming to the Wii Virtual Console. The N64 game is quirky and well worth checking out as you have to wander around taking snapshots of Pokémon. The first rumoured Pokémon of* Super Smash Bros Brawl *were also announced and we discovered the name of the 11th* Pokémon *movie starring Legendary Pokémon Giratina. Exciting!*

February

We broke the story of the new Pokémon Ranger *game in February and brought you the first screenshots of this cool game. The magazine had a new look to it, which we carry to this day, and we introduced a new semi-regular feature where we update you all on the performance of the Pokémon Global Trade Station online. It's where you can swap Pokémon with other DS-owning Pokéfans.*

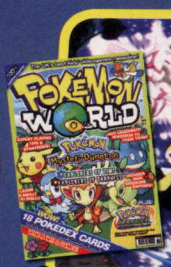
March

With a feature on Super Smash Bros Brawl *and news of the new* Mystery Dungeon: Explorers Of Time & Darkness *games, March was a great month for* Pokémon *gaming. We also had the first review of* Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker *with a front cover to go with it!*

July

Our action-packed summer issue had free Boom Sticks *from* Nickelodeon, *and also included all the latest on* Pokémon Platinum *plus a feature showcasing the brilliant* Pokémon: The First Movie *in all its glory. In* Mew's News *we had lots of pictures of* My Pokémon Ranch, *the new WiiWare download.*

August



Packed with tips for the Explorers Of Time & Darkness *games and coming with Volume 1 of our Pokémon Artwork Gallery, news on* Shadows Of Almia *and a feature on* Pokémon: The Third Movie, *there was a feature of Pokémon goodness packed into this issue. Excited fans also learned of the Pokémon Live! roadshow that was touring Woolworths shops throughout the summer!*

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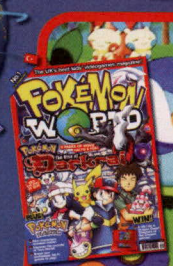

With the shock release of a new Pokémon *film on DVD, we went* The Rise Of Darkrai *crazy this issue with a six-page feature packed with exciting artwork and facts about this great film. Elsewhere, we brought you the first new character from* Pokémon Platinum *– Handsome. Plus, lots of screenshots of the sequel to* Diamond *and* Pearl *and a look at a limited edition Onyx Nintendo DS that comes with* Dialga *and* Palkia *printed on it in gold and silver!*

April

We had a big feature on **Pokémon Ranger: Batonnage** *in April – the game was later renamed to* **Shadows Of Almia** *and you can buy it in the shops now! Plus, Mew's News was full of hot gossip about Rayquaza appearing in* **Super Smash Bros Brawl** *as a boss, along with some exciting new Pokémon collectable figures that big fans can track down for their collections.*

May

There were cute and cuddly Pokémon all over Mew's News in May – officially only available in Japan, but often seen on websites like eBay. This issue also had our big hints, tips and strategy special on **Pokémon Battle Revolution** *for Wii and came with a free Pokémon A-Z of Cheats, Tips & Codes book that all readers must have found very useful!*

June

In June we broke the story about **Pokémon Platinum** *being in production with the first exciting screenshots from the game, plus we had a massive feature about* **Mystery Dungeon: Explorers Of Time & Darkness** *on the DS. If you were feeling peckish, you would have been salivating over our news story featuring a Pokemon Pizza from Domino's!*

November

Loads of tips and hints on **Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia** *were packed into this issue, and we gave you a free DVD that showcased all the BIG games for Christmas, along with a* **Star Wars: The Force Unleashed** *DS sticker kit. The big review was on Xbox 360 –* **Banjo-Kazooie: Nuts & Bolts** *is a brilliant Nintendo-esque adventure, only it's on Xbox 360 instead of the Wii!*

December

Err... well, it's this issue, isn't it? You may have already flicked through the issue and seen the brilliant four-page puzzle special, and seen all the great gifts that will have fallen out of the bag – a **Guinness World Records** *DS Stylus, some sweets, a Puffin book, some Ben 10 cards, a 2009 calendar and some lovely silvery* **Pokémon Shadows Of Almia** *stickers. Merry Christmas from us all!*

October

Our Halloween special, complete with eyeball sweets and pumpkins on the cover, came with a great feature on the **Mystery Dungeon Explorers Of Time & Darkness** *DVD that was given away at the* **Woolworths** *events. Plus we brought you a comprehensive feature on the new* **Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia** *game.*

Pokémon Platinum Version

We have been playing *Pokémon Platinum* this month, so we thought that you would like to see lots of new Torn World to explore – think of it as *Diamond and Pearl* – 'The Remix'.

Diamond or Pearl, you're going to want to get Platinum too, Nintendo and Game Freak have improved on the game. Even if you already have Pokémon
new screenshots from this cool DS Pokémon
game in many ways: new animations, extra story elements, an entire n
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ASK PROFESSOR YEW

So, you've got a tricky Pokémon-related question, have you? Well, why not write in to Professor Yew? He knows everything there is to know about Pokémon!

Banned from TV...

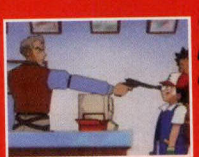
Q Dear Professor Yew,
I read in an old issue of Pokémon World that there was a banned episode of the *Pokémon* cartoon series. My question for you is... was this the only banned episode, or were there more that we haven't been allowed to see?
From Connor Beedle, age 12, Honiton

A ***Good question, Connor, and you won't be surprised to learn that yes, there are more banned episodes. These come about because the Japanese have a different idea of what is acceptable to show to kids than we do in the UK, or they do in the USA. Sometimes episodes get pieces cut from them so that they can be shown, and sometimes this is impossible so the entire episode is pulled from the schedule. Here's the full rundown of every banned Pokémon episode...***

***Title:** Beauty And The Beach*
***Episode No:** 18*
***Banned because:** James from Team Rocket wears a bikini and wins a beauty contest! He also seems strangely feminine...*

***Title:** Tentacool & Tentacruel*
***Episode No:** 19*
***Banned because:** Giant Pokémon attack buildings that fall in a very similar way to the World Trade Center.*

***Title:** The Tower Of Terror*
***Episode No:** 23*
***Banned because:** The episode's name got this one banned for a short time after the September 11 attacks. It is now unbanned.*



***Title:** Legend Of Miniryu*
***Episode No:** 35*
***Banned because:** The use of guns throughout the episode got this one stopped – especially as they are pointed at Ash!*

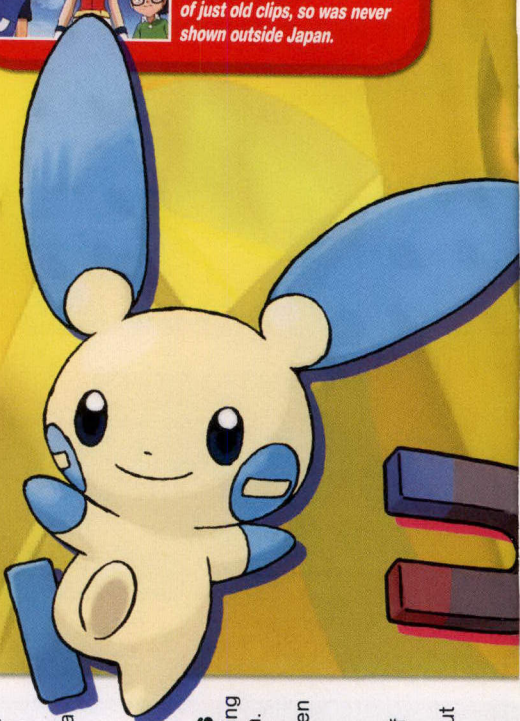
***Title:** Electric Soldier Porygon*
***Episode No:** 38*
***Banned because:** Flashing images of Porygons gave 700 Japanese children epileptic fits, so it is never to be shown again!*

***Title:** The Ice Cave!*
***Episode No:** 252*
***Banned because:** There were complaints that the Pokémon Jynx was a "racial stereotype". It later changed colour to purple.*

***Title:** The Bicker The Better*
***Episode No:** 348*
***Banned because:** Some countries believed that romantic themes were too advanced to be shown in a cartoon.*

***Title:** Shaking Island Battle! Barboach Vs Whiscash!*
***Episode No.:** 377*
***Banned because:** Earthquakes appear in the episode, and the US had 'quakes at the time!*

***Title:** Ash And May! Heated Battles in Hoenn!*
***Episode No.:** 397*
***Banned because:** It is made up of just old clips, so was never shown outside Japan.*



CHEEKY CHEATS!

Top cheats, codes and passwords for Pokémon games...

Pokémon Dash

HARDER CUPS
There are harder cup modes hidden away in the game, and here is how you can access them...

Expert Mode	Beat the Hard GP Mode
Expert Rules Time Attack Mode	Unlock the Expert GP Mode
Special Cup	Beat the Normal GP Mode
Time Attack Mode	Beat the First Cup on GP Mode
Harder GP	Beat the Original GP

GET SHINY TROPHIES
If you don't choose to retry any races in a Cup, you will be rewarded with shiny trophies instead of normal ones!

Pokémon Diamond and Pearl

DIAMOND DUST
On 12 January make sure you visit Snowpoint City in these games. Instead of snow falling from the sky you will see diamond dust falling instead! It sparkles as it falls to the ground.

FAST EGG HATCHING
You can halve the time it takes to hatch a Pokémon egg in these games by making sure that you have a Pokémon with you that has either the Flame Body or Magma Armor abilities.

Pokémon Pinball: Ruby & Sapphire

BALL UPGRADES & INFINITE POINTS
If you get three Chinchou Pokémon moving in a clockwise circle, shoot a ball at them. There is a glitch in the game where the ball will go straight past the Pokémon, then when it falls down again and hits them it will rebound back up the table again. The ball will continue doing this, racking up the points and earning yourself lots of upgrades until the pinball machine goes into Tilt mode and you can get the ball out of this loop.

Dungeon secrets

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I know that most players are now playing the new *Mystery Dungeon* games, but I am still playing the original *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Blue Rescue Team*. I have found a few secret dungeons to play through, but can you tell me where to find more?
From Kylie Masters, age 14, Reading

A ***There are lots of secret dungeons for you to enjoy, Kylie, and as you must already know, you have to have beaten Rayquaza before you can access any of these...***

Buried Relic	Beat Stormy Sea. When you get mail about ruins talk to Lombre and Shiftry
Darknight Relic	Purchase the Secretive Forest friend area
Desert Region	Have the Furnace Desert friend area
Far-Off Sea	Purchase the Calm Sea friend area
Fiery Field	Give Spinda's Clear Feather to Xatu
Grand Sea	Purchase the Calm Sea friend area
Joyous Tower	Clear Pitfall Valley when you have Blue Sky Meadow friend area
Lightning Field	Clear Fiery Field
Meteor Cave	Befriend Lugia
Mt Faraway	Clear the Northwind Field
Northern Range	Purchase the Southern Island friend area then get Surf and sleep for a day
Northwind Field	Clear the Lightning Field
Pitfall Valley	Clear the Northern Range
Purity Forest	Clear the Pitfall Valley. You must have the Blue Sky Meadow area
Silver Trench	Clear the Stormy Sea and Pitfall Valley. Befriend Moltres, Articuno and Zapdos. Talk to Alakazam then go to the bird area and get the Whirl
Southern Cavern	Obtain the friend area Rock Cave
Western Cave	Befriend Ho-Oh
Wish Cave	Clear the Pitfall Valley and have the friend area Blue Sky Meadow. Medicham and Ekans will appear. Talk to these Pokémon, later on Ekans only will appear

Pokémon DVD boxset

Q Dear Professor Yew,
While surfing on the internet recently, I came across a bunch of new *Pokémon* DVDs that fit together to make a boxset. Have you seen them, and are they worth getting for Christmas?
From Lucas Roberts, age 10, Ludlow

A ***If you haven't already got them, Pokémon DVDs are always worth putting on your Christmas list, Lucas! However, I think the ones that you have spotted are actually from Italy, which means that they are likely to be dubbed into Italian, making them pretty much useless for a young lad from Ludlow! There are lots of great Pokémon DVDs available this Christmas in English, though – just check out any high street DVD retailer, or go to Amazon.co.uk.***

SEND IN YOUR QUESTION...

Do you have a burning question for our very own Professor Yew? Then send it to us at pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk making sure you put 'Ask Professor Yew' in the subject line, or send it by post to...
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Pokémon Box: Ruby and Sapphire

UNLOCKABLE SECRETS
As you play through the game you can unlock all kinds of special things...

Completion Bonus	Unlock this by collecting all Pokémon Ruby or Pokémon Sapphire. You will get a different border in Adventure mode
Swablu with False Swipe Egg	Store just the one Pokémon to get this
Zigzagoon with Extreme Speed Egg	You earn this by storing just 60 Pokémon
Skitty with Pay Day Egg	If you store 500 Pokémon, you are rewarded with this item
Pichu with Surf Egg	You'll get this if you manage to store 1,499 Pokémon

Pokémon Stadium

UNLOCKABLE SECRETS
If you manage to complete the following tasks you will be rewarded with these special items...

Unlock Amnesia Psyduck	You must register all 151 Pokémon in the Hall of Fame
Unlock Flying Pikachu	On the Main Menu press Up, Up, Up, Down, Down, Down, Left, Right, Left, Right, Start
Unlock R2	When you have beaten all of the Cups and the Gym Leader Battles, Mewtwo will appear. If you beat Mewtwo, you will be rewarded with a harder R2 difficulty setting
Unlock Dodou Speed Mode	Defeat the Master Ball in the PokéCup or PrimeCup to get the Dodou speed. You can now play in the Pokémon Tower at twice the normal speed
Hyper Difficulty	If you are good enough to win five rounds in a row during the 'Who's The Best?' mini-game against three computer players on the Hard difficulty, your great gameplay skills will earn you a new difficulty

Professor Layton and the Curious Village™

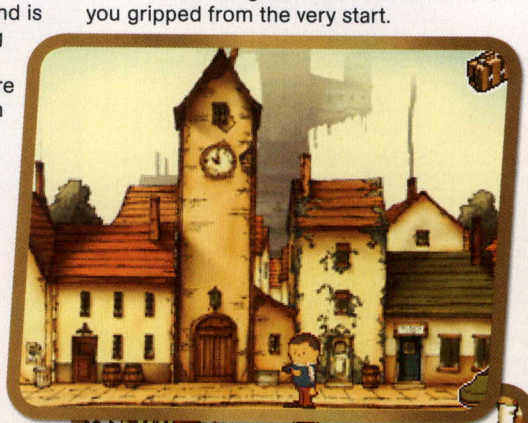
Format Nintendo DS • **Price** £29.99
Publisher Nintendo • **Game type** Puzzle
Release Out now • **Info** Adventure with brains!

There's a treasure locked away somewhere in the village, but you will need great puzzle-solving skills to get it!

St Mystere is a strange village. The people all talk to each other in riddles, their doors are locked with sliding puzzles and any secret they have to hide, they hide with brain-busting teasers that only the best can crack! So it comes as no surprise that after the death of a local wealthy baron, his will tells of a treasure hidden away. It's going to take someone special to crack this one, though – enter Professor Layton!

This game is the big Christmas hope for Nintendo on the DS, and is a unique mix of adventure and puzzling that Nintendo hopes will appeal to players of all ages. Over 130 puzzles are packed in with challenges ranging from mazes and riddles to logic and sliding puzzles. What's more is that Nintendo is revealing new puzzles for download via Wi-Fi each week, so it's the game that just keeps on giving!

What makes this puzzle game different to all the others is the fact that everything has been parcelled up in a gripping storyline with a French twist. There's a cast of characters and a great graphical style that makes the game instantly appealing. As you solve one of the game's riddles, you're treated to fully animated cut-scenes that bring the story to life as you meet the hilarious and eccentric villagers of St Mystere. With excellent music too, this really is one enchanting DS release that will have you gripped from the very start.



Playing this game is almost like going on a holiday to France – the music, the style, the people...

You can keep up to date with what's going on in the village by reading the local paper.

The only thing that disappoints us is this is pretty much it from Nintendo on DS this Christmas (except for *Ranger 2*, of course), and this game has been made to appeal to older players while hoping the kids come along for the ride too. Where's a new *Mario*? What about a *Yoshi* game? This is a worrying pattern that may make Nintendo more appealing to a wider audience, but we hope it doesn't make all the 'real' gamers move on to Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3 in the process.

TICK TOCK...

You can't launch a game these days without a website to go with it, and you can't have a website without lots of downloadable freebies. Point your browser to **www.nintendo.co.uk** and click on Professor Layton for a cool desktop clock for your PC or Mac!

+ Points The developer of the game, Level 5, has put a lot of time and effort into giving the game the right look and feel – and it has worked! It's almost like going on a French holiday each time you pop the game into your DS. Brilliant storyline, too.

- Points As we have said above, this is a great game, but it's a worrying trend of games made to appeal to older DS gamers. There's nothing wrong with a bit of Mario platform action too, Nintendo!

Final comments Whether you're a middle-aged couple who like sitting in a window seat playing on the DS, or you're a kid with a brain that's good at cracking puzzles, you will find something appealing in *Professor Layton And The Curious Village*. Wi-Fi downloads will keep things fresh, too!

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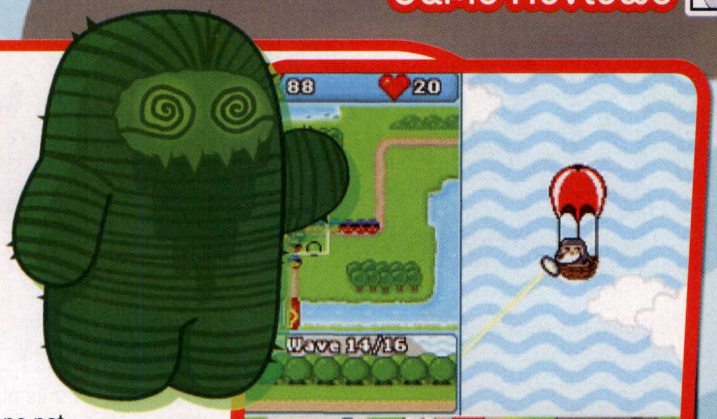
NINJA TOWN



Format Nintendo DS • Price £29.99
Publisher SouthPeak • Game type Adventure
Release Out now • Info Cool... ninjas!

Who would have thought that ninjas could be so cute? Check out the cool bunch in this new DS adventure...

For anyone who likes ninjas (and let's face it, who doesn't?) you simply must have this game in your collection. Anyone with a liking for the real-time strategy genre should also get hold of this. Oh, and if you like your games with great multiplayer options, you should definitely think about getting hold of a copy.

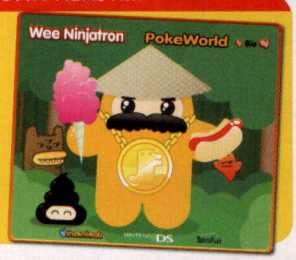
The same goes if you like your Nintendo DS games with amazing presentation and cool characters. Hey, we'll tell you what, just go out and buy it regardless. It's such a great game, and a marvellous use of the DS, that we find it difficult to imagine anyone not keeping it at the top of their playlist.

In fact, as a real-time strategy adventure, it's second only to *Advance Wars*, and even then some will prefer the unbelievably cutesy and genuinely comedic take on the genre. There's nothing unique about the actual gameplay. A few tweaks on the standard fare makes things interesting for RTS fans, and most of the early stages will be reasonably easy for the hardened RTS gamer, but you'll hit your limit of ease at some point in the game, and all those lessons you've learned throughout will have to be used well. What makes this RTS so wonderfully playable is that the cutesyness hides a genuine game. Even the more refined and adult titles in the genre often fail to present a real challenge. Rather than being a straightforward RTS, although there's all the standard resource management and construction stuff in there, your enemies come in waves. This means you know exactly when your opposition is going to make its move, and can prepare for it. To start with things are easy enough, but as the game hots up, you'll find yourself wishing for extra time. Winning a round will often give you some kind of reward, which can be used to help in later bouts. *Ninjatown* is cute, ridiculously playable and taxing enough to keep any wannabe ninjas entertained.

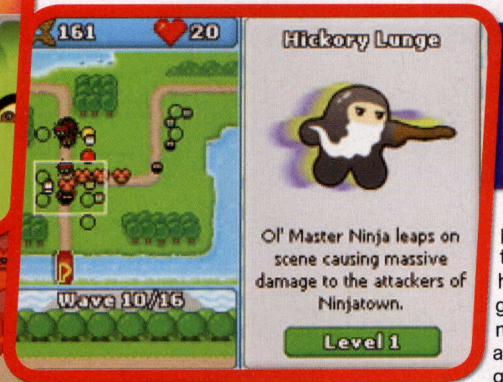
The simple but perfectly formed graphics hide a game that is quite sophisticated and challenging.

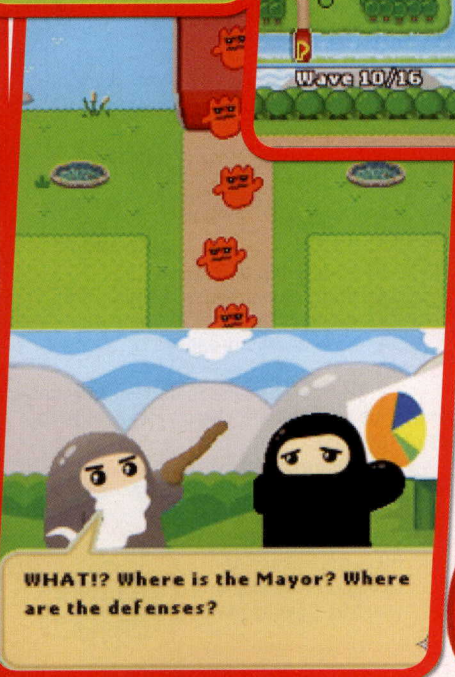
MAKE YOUR OWN NINJA...

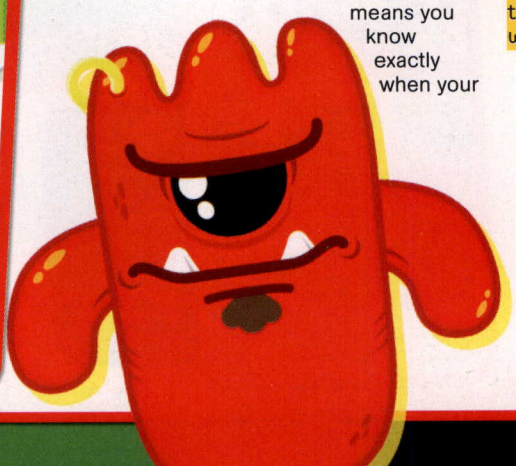
One of the things that makes *Ninjatown* so unique is the great character design – and you can design your own ninja at... ninjatown.com!



Master Ninja has a range of skills to master. You'll find them useful later on.







+ Points There are absolutely tons of types of ninjas, loads of ways to use them, and enough enemies to really challenge you. It fits so dreadfully well on the DS, being perfect for the touch screen. The art style is something we absolutely love as well.

- Points We just can't think of any at the moment. If you're not really into your RTS titles, this won't do very much to sway you, as it has many of the conventions of the genre present in spades.

Final comments Pretty much the perfect game for the Nintendo DS. Cute, well presented and fantastically balanced to make sure it's never too easy or too hard. Go ninja-crazy right now!

POKÉRATING

9/10

Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party

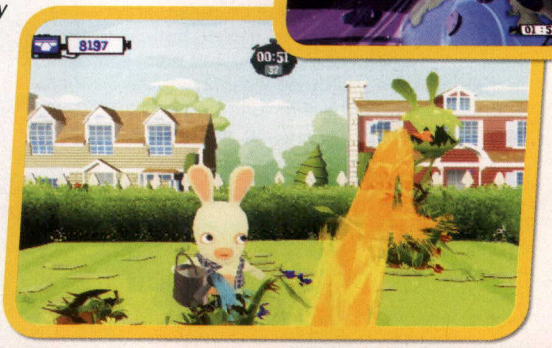
Format Nintendo Wii • **Price** £39.99
Publisher Ubisoft • **Game type** Party
Release Out now • **Info** Balance Board antics!

Arrgghh! A bunch of Rabbids have taken over your TV and ransacked every channel. What does Rayman have to say about it all then?

This game claims to be the first ever to enable you to use your rear end to control a character... we've been thinking about it and that's probably right! *Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party* makes use of the Wii Balance Board you see, although you can play it with the regular Wii Remote, too.

Surprisingly for a Wii game, it's a bunch of mini-games! But don't let this put you off as they're great fun for gathering the family around the Wii. There are 65 games in total, each based around a different TV show, channel or advert. There's a Party mode for co-op or battle games with up to eight players taking it in turns, or four simultaneously – you can even sabotage your mates as they play to add some extra spice!

This all sounds like loads of fun, and it can be, but we found it hard going to actually get into the game in the first place. With party games you want a route straight to the action, but *TV Party* has far too many menus and sub-menus to wade through – we just want to get mischievous from the off! Get past this niggle, though, and you're in for some laughs.



Fans of Rayman will think the games have really lost their way – perhaps they should just call them 'Rabbids' games?

+Points It's true, this is the only game that you can play with your bum this Christmas. Go on, make those Rabbids wiggle!

-Points The TV channel theme has made a game that is tough to get into at the start – so many menus and screens!

Final comments It's good to see Ubisoft taking the time to do something different with the Wii. Of course, you'll need an expensive Balance Board to play it!

POKÉRATING 8/10

Hello Kitty Big City Dreams

Format DS • **Price** £19.99
Publisher Empire • **Game type** Mini-games
Release Now • **Info** Cute cats!

Follow the action as Kitty White moves from Sanrio Town to the Big City, exclusively on the DS!

All cats have to grow up sometime, and in this new DS mini-game adventure the star of Hello Kitty finds herself in a simple downtown apartment. But with your help she can aim for great things.

Two modes of play are available in this cute and cuddly game, an exploration game where Kitty can check out her apartment and the city itself, interacting with other characters along the way. Then there's a mini-game mode where you can earn friendship points to use for buying costumes, riding the trains and buses around the city and kitting out your apartment with cool new stuff.

Kitty has lots of friends in the game to help her along her way. Fans will recognise Badtz-Maru, Pochacco and Mr Melody to name but three. This is a must-have DS release for our female readers as the game is packed with fashion, friendship and lots of pink stuff, plus if you're a Hello Kitty collector, this is the game you have always dreamed of!

It's scary moving to the Big City, but you're there to help Kitty White settle in to her new apartment.

+Points With an exploration and mini-game mode to check out, there's plenty of Kitty action for fans!

-Points Like many games of this type, the gameplay might be a bit simple for some.

Final comments You're going to be a Hello Kitty fan if you plan to buy this – and you won't be disappointed!

POKÉRATING 8/10

Also available this month...

Animal Crossing: Let's Go to the City

Format Nintendo Wii • Price £39.99
Publisher Nintendo • Game type Adventure
Release Out now • Info Christmas No 1?

This Wii exclusive is a fun and engaging life simulation where you can take control and shape the world around you, from decorating your house to creating constellations in the heavens. Start the game in your own quiet town and meet many enriching animal characters along the way as you collect new furniture, wallpaper and carpets to make your house a home. Alternatively, simply while away the hours with a spot of fishing or gardening – there are no pressures in the world of *Animal Crossing*, you can live the life you wish to lead. The only big gamers' game on Wii this Christmas.

Monster Lab

Format PS2, Wii • Price £19.99
Publisher Eidos • Game type RPG
Release Out now • Info Experimental!

Set in an eerie, supernatural world where the evil Baron Mharti rules the region with a cruel hand. The player takes on the role of an apprentice scientist who must perform a vast array of intricate experiments to create their very own monster from over 150 available monster parts. Taking control of a monster you can then explore the land, search for ingredients to make more monster parts, hunt out other monsters to defeat in combat and uncover lots of fun quests and challenges. The ultimate goal is to vanquish the evil Baron and free the villagers through mastering experiments.

Sonic Unleashed

Format PS3, Xbox 360, PS2 •
Price £19.99-£49.99
Publisher Sega • Game type Action
Release Out now• Info Is he still going?

Sonic Unleashed launches players on a revolutionary high-speed adventure through a world torn by chaos. Powered by the all-new 'Hedgehog Engine', the game merges classic *Sonic* gameplay with the latest in next-generation innovation. It launches players on a journey across the globe and merges blistering 2D action with picturesque 3D environments. *Sonic Unleashed* delivers an expansive world with seamless 3D-to-2D transitions and branching pathways, as well as dynamic viewpoints and a series of enhanced speed mechanics to help Sonic navigate the world.

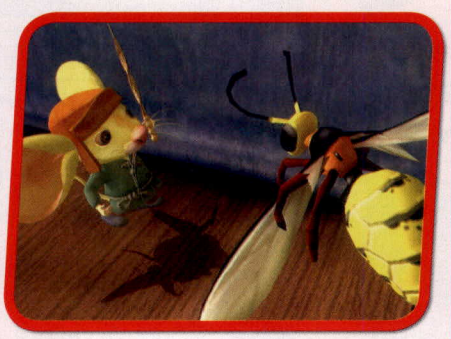
Prince Of Persia

Format PS3, PC, Xbox 360 • Price £49.99
Publisher Ubisoft • Game type Action
Release Out now • Info Still going strong!

Set in a land rooted in Persian mythology, the Prince finds himself caught in a battle between the primal forces of light and dark: the God of Light, Ormazd versus his brother Ahriman, the destructive God of Darkness. The Prince arrives just in time to witness the destruction of the Tree of Life – an act that threatens to plunge the world into darkness. Manifested in the form of the Corruption, a dark substance that contaminates the land and the skies, the Prince must partner with Elika, a deadly companion, to heal the world from the evil Corruption. Cool!

The Tale Of Despereaux

Format Nintendo DS • Price £24.99
Publisher Warner • Game type Adventure
Release Out now • Info Movie tie-in!



Even the smallest creature can be as brave as a knight in shining armour! In conjunction with this Christmas' must-see family film, and inspired from the storybook novel by Kate DiCarmillo, *The Tale Of Despereaux* puts players at the helm of two-inch hero, Despereaux, a small mouse with a big heart. Embarking on this storybook-styled quest, players soon become entangled in a web of revenge, jealousy and most of all, heroics. *The Tale Of Despereaux* game is timed to launch alongside the fantasy film of the same name released on 19 December. So, a sugar mouse for Christmas then?

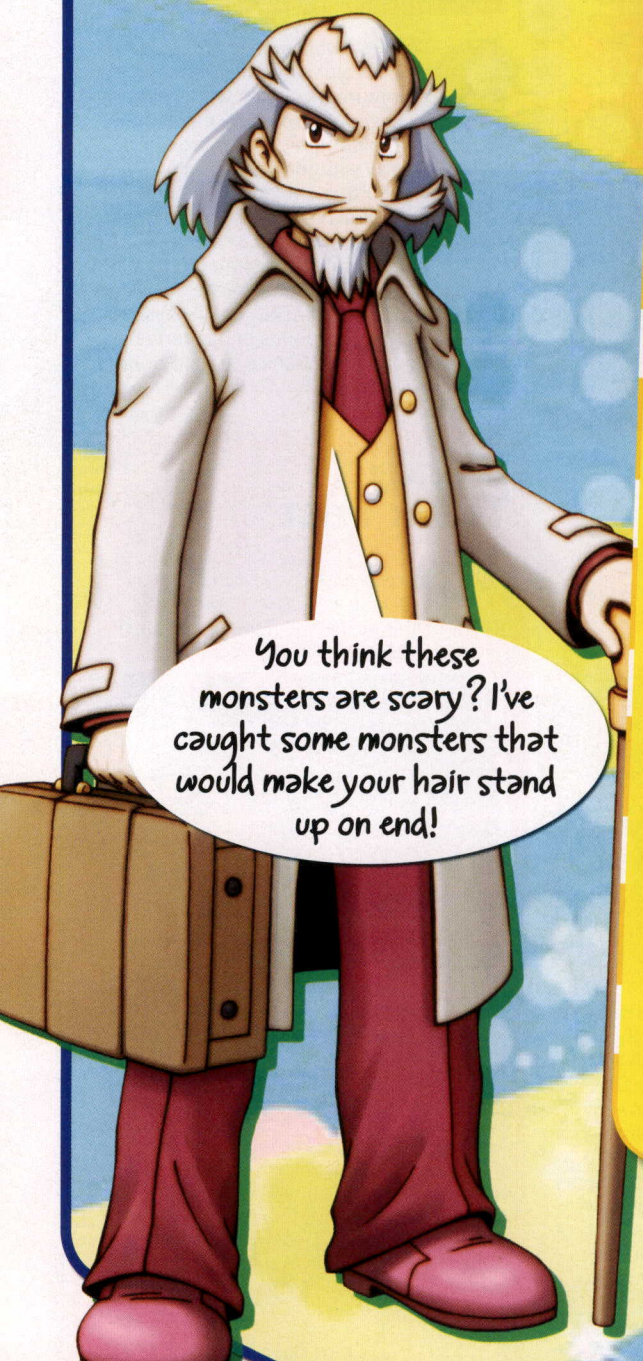
Disney Th!nk Fast

Format Nintendo Wii • Price £29.99
Publisher Disney • Game type Quiz
Release Out now • Info Test your brains!

Hosted by the always lovable and charismatic Genie from Disney's *Aladdin*, *Disney Th!nk Fast* is an exciting, fun-filled game for players of all ages and Disney fans. Playing as their favourite Disney characters, including Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck and Uncle Scrooge McDuck, contestants square off in more than 15 rounds to see who has the quickest mind and the fastest finger on the buzzer. With multiple-choice questions on lots of classic Disney movies like *The Lion King* and *101 Dalmatians*, there's going to be something in this game for everyone!

DESIGN A MONSTER!

Oooh, there are some really scary monsters in this month's Design-A-Monster. Thanks to all of you who sent a monster in, sadly we can't print them all, but we do love to get your cool artwork!



Monster of the Month!

Evolution: From Eevee

Raibeon

1

Pokémon type: Water/Psychic

Special attacks: Swift, Bubblebeam, Confusion, Confuse Ray

Brief Description: A shy Pokémon rarely seen in the wild because they are so hard to evolve. Eevee must be at least level 40, at full happiness and holding a Sun Stone before a Water Stone is used.

Esvin Butler, age 15, Somerset

Important
Sadly we can't return any of your drawings as it would take us all day just putting pictures in envelopes! We do try to print as many monsters as we can, but inevitably not all will make it on to the page.

Saygon

Evolution: Unknown

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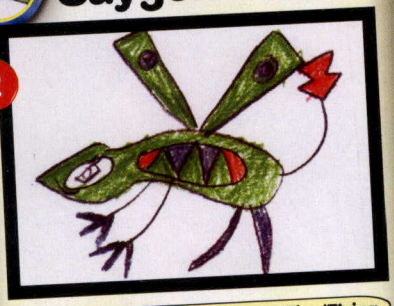


Pokémon type: Fighting/Steel/Fire/Flying

Special attacks: Fire Spin, Steel Claw, Aerial Ace, Wing Slap

Brief description: It isn't that rare, but almost impossible to defeat so try your best.

Luke Jeffery, age 8, Honiton

Regdefender

Evolution: Breed Regice and Regsteel at Mt Ember

3

Pokémon type: Steel, Fire, Ice, Time

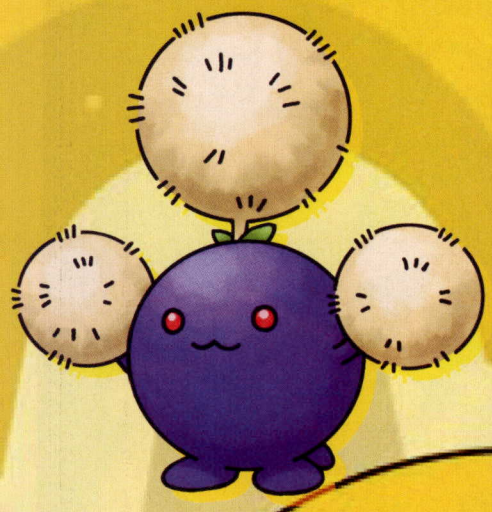
Special attacks: Time Punch, Block Barrage, Hyper Hypnotes, Duplicate

Brief description: Regdefender is so rare and strong, if all your party is at Level 100 it will appear at the Cave of Orgen, but it's at Level 99 so be ready! It can turn into a Magma Fist!

Cameron Bell, age 8, Harburh

DID YOU KNOW?

If you don't put your name, age and address on the back of your monster, you will never get credit for it!



Porygon 3D

Evolution: Unknown

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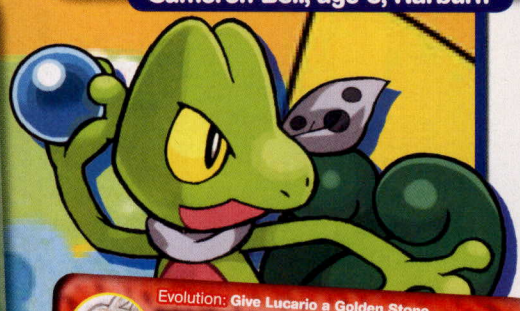
Pokémon type: Normal/Psychic/Fire

Special attacks: Information Explode, Inferno Blast, Mind Reader

Brief description: This is the most clever Pokémon. When it is angry or in a battle it shoots and spurts lava from its arms.

Philip Toye, age 9, Cuffley



Licario

Evolution: Give Lucario a Golden Stone

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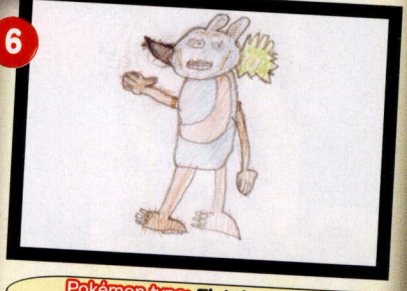

Pokémon type: Fighting/Poison

Special attack: Pointed Shards, Rigged Kick, Titanical Slap

Brief description: This Pokémon is very rare because you can't see one or catch one. It can only be owned by giving a Lucario a Golden Stone and there is only one in each region! Its tail is on its head, and its anger is high!

Alex Tomlinson, age 9, Bromley

Mellectric

Evolution: None

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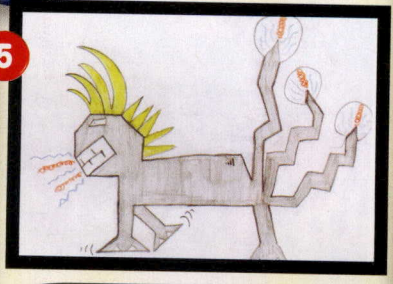

Pokémon type: Metal/Electric

Special attacks: Electric Shock, Tail Whip, Head Spikes, Electric Kick

Brief description: Mellectric uses its special Electric Shock attack to defend against enemies.

James Bacon, age 9

SEND IN YOUR CREATION...

If you've drawn a grisly monster and you would like to share it with other Pokémon World readers, then either email it to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk making sure you put 'Design-A-Monster' in the subject line, or send it by post to... Design A Monster, Pokémon World, Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6EZ

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Legendary Dragons

These three Dragon Pokémon are the cover stars for *Pokémon Diamond*, *Pearl* and *Platinum*. They each have the ability to warp reality. Dialga can control time, Palkia can control space and Giratina can control dimensions.

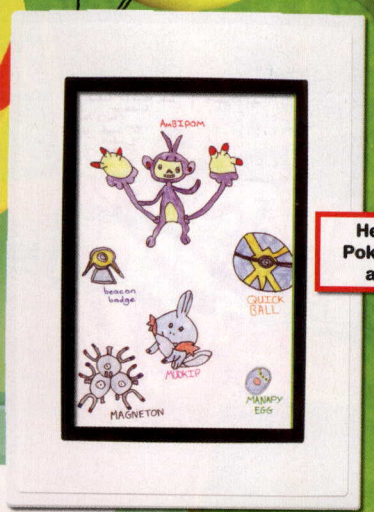
Pika-Pics

Here's a look at the best from our Pokémon World picture postbag this month...

Wow, here's a great pic of Dialga from Jarlath O'Connor, age 12 from Dring.

Take a look at which Pokémon are the favourites of Bradley Jones, age 10.

There's some great action here in this pic by Lauryn Marray, age 9 from Drogheda.



Here's a compilation of Pokémon by Jack Bullock, age 10 from Lyndale.

Jake Kidd, age 10 from Eastbourne has done a brilliant pic of Raikou.

Hey – cool Pokémon from Laurence Song, age 6 from Australia.

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TOP GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS!

With so many great games filling the shelves this Christmas, just how are you supposed to know the cream from the crud? Well here's the lowdown on some top Activision titles...

SPIDER-MAN: WEB OF SHADOWS

All formats

With a story penned by acclaimed Marvel comic book writer Brian Reed, *Spider-Man: Web Of Shadows* features a New York City devastated by a deadly symbiote invasion, in which players are faced with the choice to play as the heroic web-slinger in his classic red suit or the dark and formidable black suit. Battling with or against a huge cast of fan-favourite Marvel superheroes and supervillains, players can switch allegiances instantly as they decide which missions will ultimately save mankind.

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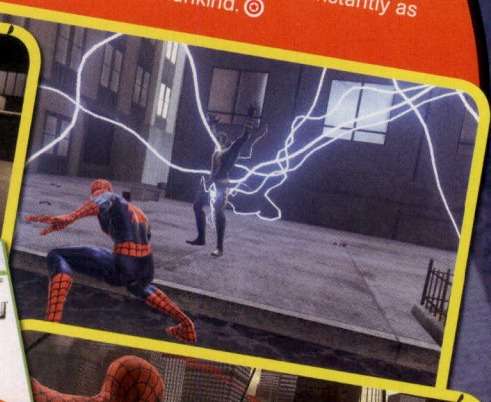
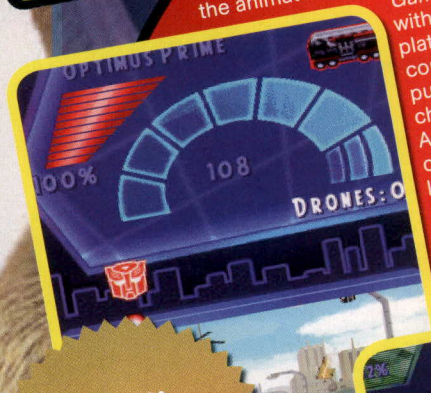


TRANSFORMERS ANIMATED: THE GAME

Nintendo DS

Providing an experience that extends beyond the animated series, *Transformers Animated: The Game* thrusts fans into the action with gameplay elements that include platforming, blasting through Decepticon-controlled hoverbots, solving side-scrolling puzzles and slot car racing-inspired driving challenges. Players instantly switch between Autobot team members to work out a number of teamwork-based puzzles in up to 20 different levels. You can race through a fictitious 22nd Century Detroit, dodging oncoming traffic while seamlessly converting between robot and vehicle form, utilising the special abilities of Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Bulkhead and Prowl. Working as a team and combining the abilities of each character is the key to reaching the ultimate goal – intercepting the missing pieces of the Allspark before the Decepticons!



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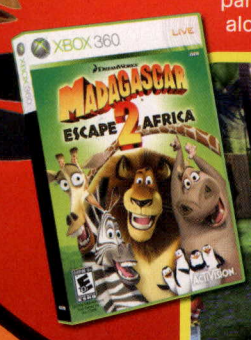
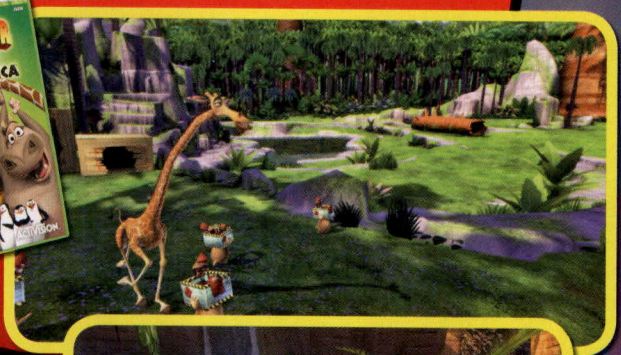
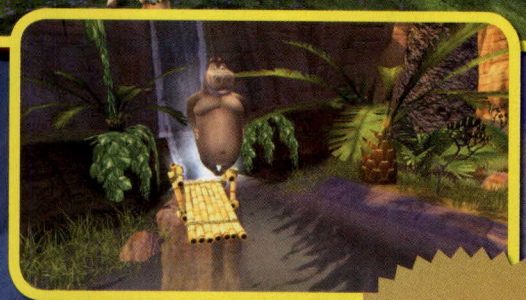
MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA

All formats

Following the success of the 2005 blockbuster hit and number one kids' movie game *Madagascar*, comes an all-new wacky adventure in the *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* videogame. Based on the feature film from DreamWorks Animation, the four famous zoo animals – Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo – and their entire madcap Madagascar crew take players on a whole new action-packed journey to help save the African savannah. Assuming the roles of all their favourite characters, including those crafty penguins, players must work through 12 distinct levels featuring a variety of wild adventures and fun mini-games. In addition to the diverse single-player gameplay, the *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* game delivers an enhanced multiplayer tournament mode allowing gamers to participate in outlandish competitions alongside or against friends and family.







STAR WARS: THE FORCE UNLEASHED

Nintendo DS

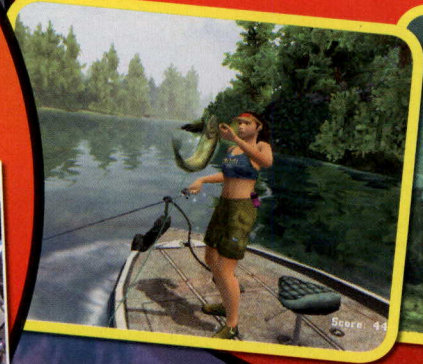
An entirely new chapter in the *Star Wars* saga, *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed* casts players as Darth Vader's 'secret apprentice' and promises to unveil new revelations about the *Star Wars* galaxy. The game's expansive story is set during the largely unexplored era between *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge Of The Sith* and *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*. In it, players will assist Vader in his quest to rid the universe of Jedi and face decisions that could change the course of their destiny.

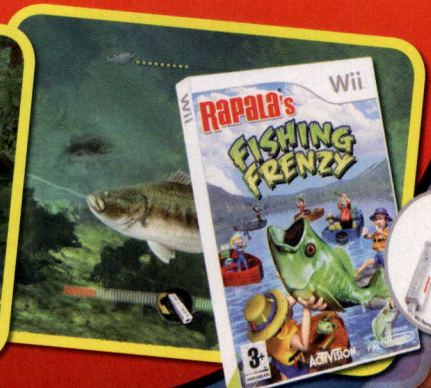
START FISHING ON YOUR WII TODAY!

RAPALA'S FISHING FRENZY

PS3, Wii, Xbox 360

Activision has worked closely with developer Fun Labs and Rapala, the world's largest manufacturer of fishing lures and number one fishing brand, to create an angling title that appeals to fishermen and gamers of all abilities. *Rapala's Fishing Frenzy* represents an evolution of the best-selling *Rapala* franchise by offering precision-crafted controls specifically for each console and visually stunning outdoor environments. The Wii version of *Rapala's Fishing Frenzy* is packaged with a fishing rod controller attachment that takes family fishing fun to the next level. Place the Wii Remote in a secure handle and insert the Nunchuk into the 'reel', and for the first time you have a high quality, licensed fishing rod that will enable everyone from children to grandparents to bring in that monster bass.

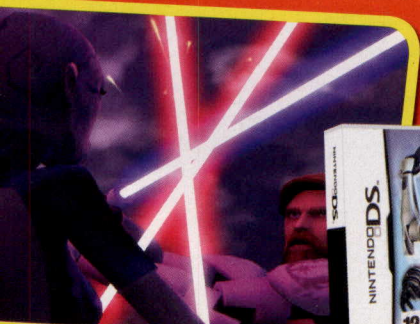


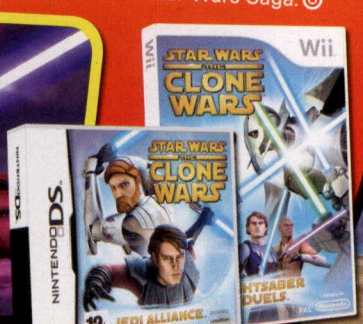


STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS

Nintendo Wii & DS

The galaxy far, far away takes on a dazzling new look in the first-ever CG-animated Star Wars feature – *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. It's a major entertainment event that includes a brand-new movie, a weekly television series and exciting videogames. With *Lightsaber Duels* on Wii and *Jedi Alliance* on DS a new generation of fans will enjoy characters like Anakin Skywalker as he embarks on new adventures as well as classic rivalries that delve deeper into the Star Wars Saga.





KUNG FU PANDA: LEGENDARY WARRIORS

Nintendo DS & Wii

Po and the Furious Five are back for more awesomeness in two new games for the Nintendo Wii and DS! Play the next chapter in the legend of Po, the Dragon Warrior, as he defends the Valley of Peace from the vengeful Tai Lung and his minions! On the Wii version, team up with friends to work together though co-op Story mode, or compete head-to-head in Versus mode. You get to unleash the powerful Kung-Fu Chi Attacks using the Wii Remote and Nunchuk and play mini-games that test your speed and skill. You can even unlock bonus multiplayer characters on the Wii by connecting wirelessly to the DS game. On the DS you get to battle as Po and Tigress on an epic journey spanning over 40 levels, using the stylus to swing on ropes and launch catapults. You can also unleash the powerful Chi Attacks by drawing the on-screen symbol. Both games are packed with great laughs – they're a must for all fans of the movie!

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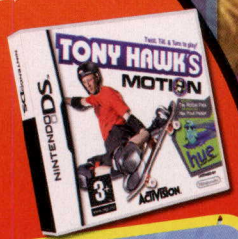
TONY HAWK'S MOTION

Nintendo DS

Delivering an innovative way to experience handheld gaming, *Tony Hawk's Motion And Hue Pixel Painter* features accelerometer technology on the Nintendo DS. In *Tony Hawk's Motion* players can twist, tilt and turn through numerous skateboarding sessions, and for the first time in franchise history the game brings snowboarding to its line-up, adding to more than 20 diverse mini-challenges available, including new ones like Rail Hopper and Slalom and familiar ones like Hawk-Man and High Score. Once players finish grinding through locales like Tokyo, Dubai, Vermont and the Alps, they can switch gears and dip into the action-oriented puzzler *Hue Pixel Painter*. Uncovering sources of paint below the ground's surface, players take Hue through various landscapes bringing colour back to a dreary environment and defending against the Drabs who have set out to leave the world grey and bland.



A NEW TONY HAWK'S GAME FOR DS!

SHREK'S CARNIVAL CRAZE

DS, Wii, PS2, PC

Everyone loves Shrek, and this Christmas the big green ogre is back in a hilarious selection of mini-games for DS, Wii, PlayStation 2 and PC. You get to compete in locations with names like Gingyland, Three Blind Mice Midway, Fiona's Funhouse, The Poison Apple, Pinocchio Park and there's a special unlockable area to discover – Shrek's Swamp! All the top characters from the movies are here – Shrek himself, of course, Fiona, Donkey, Puss In Boots, Prince Charming and Gingerbread Man, and the idea is to compete to become the King or Queen of the carnival! With 28 mini-games packed into each game and lots of twisted fairy tale humour, *Shrek's Carnival Craze* is a game that's going to go down a storm on Christmas Day with the whole family gathered around your console!

THE NEW SHREK GAME IN IN THE SHOPS NOW!

Nidoking

National Pokédex No. 34

Type: POISON GROUND Classification: Drill Pokémon

Height: 4' 07" Weight: 136.7 lbs Ability: Poison Point & Rivalry

Description: One swing of its mighty tail can snap a telephone pole as if it were a matchstick.

Metagross

National Pokédex No. 376

Type: STEEL PSYCHIC Classification: Iron Leg Pokémon

Height: 5' 03" Weight: 1,212.5 lbs Ability: Clear Body

Description: Metang combined to form it. With four brains, it has the intelligence of a supercomputer.

Dusknoir

National Pokédex No. 477

Type: GHOST Classification: Gripper Pokémon

Height: 7' 03" Weight: 235.0 lbs Ability: Pressure

Description: The antenna on its head captures radio waves from the world of spirits that command it to take people there.

Regice

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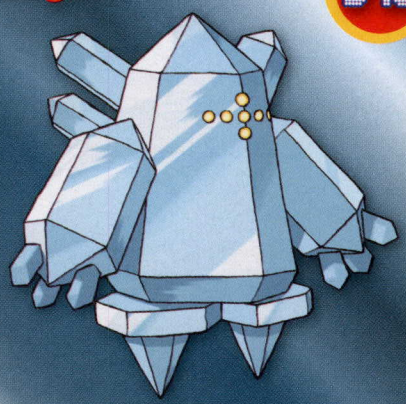


Type: ICE Classification: Iceberg Pokémon

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 385.8 lbs Ability: Clear Body

Description: Its body is made of ice from the ice age. It controls frigid air of -328 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lairon

National Pokédex No. 305

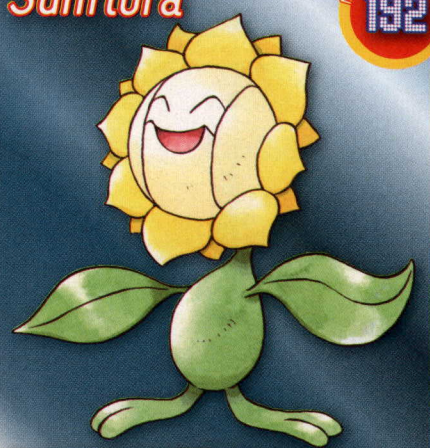
Type: STEEL ROCK Classification: Iron Armor Pokémon

Height: 2' 11" Weight: 264.6 lbs Ability: Sturdy & Rock Head

Description: For food, it digs up iron ore. It smashes its steely body against others to fight over territory.

Sunflora

National Pokédex No. 192



Type: GRASS Classification: Sun Pokémon

Height: 2' 07" Weight: 18.7 lbs Ability: Chlorophyll & Solar Power

Description: It gets energy from warm sunlight and is known for its habit of moving in pursuit of it.

Raticate

National Pokédex No. 20

Type: NORMAL Classification: Mouse Pokémon

Height: 2' 04" Weight: 40.8 lbs Ability: Run Away & Guts

Description: It whittles its constantly growing fangs by gnawing on hard things. It can chew apart cinder walls.

Meowth

National Pokédex No. 52

Type: NORMAL Classification: Scratch Cat Pokémon

Height: 1' 04" Weight: 9.3 lbs Ability: Pickup & Technician

Description: It is nocturnal in nature. If it spots something shiny, its eyes glitter brightly.

Seel

National Pokédex No. 86

Type: WATER Classification: Sea Lion Pokémon

Height: 3' 07" Weight: 198.0 lbs Ability: Thick Fat & Hydration

Description: A Pokémon that lives on icebergs. It swims in the sea using the point on its head to break up ice.

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: Back view

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 100 DEFENSE 135 SP. ATT 65 SP. DEF 135 SPEED 45

Anime: Being one of the new Pokémon, Dusknoir has only appeared in the Japanese episode *'It's Ghost Time After School'* where it protects humans from a demonic girl.

Location: Evolve yourself a Dusclops to get Dusknoir going in your DS Pokémon adventures.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.37 > Trade with Reaper Cloth

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 80 ATTACK 135 DEFENSE 130 SP. ATT 95 SP. DEF 90 SPEED 70

Anime: The movie *'Destiny Deoxys'* was where we first saw a Metagross in action. It was owned by Rebecca.

Location: There's only one way to get a Metagross in your DS games, and that's to evolve a Metang.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.20 > At Lv.45

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 81 ATTACK 92 DEFENSE 77 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 75 SPEED 85

Anime: There's a Nidoking in the episode *'The Battle of the Badge'* that belongs to Gary Oak.

Location: Evolve yourself a Nidorino if you need to get a Nidoking into your DS Pokémon games.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.16 > Moon Stone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 75 ATTACK 75 DEFENSE 55 SP. ATT 105 SP. DEF 85 SPEED 30

Anime: Check out *'Grin to Win'* to see the first appearance of Sunflora in the Pokémon Anime. There was a Sunflora contest in the town of Bloomingvale.

Location: Simply evolve yourself a Sunkern to get a Sunflora into your games.

Evolution:
Basic > With Sun Stone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 60 ATTACK 90 DEFENSE 140 SP. ATT 50 SP. DEF 50 SPEED 40

Anime: The Pokémon Coordinator Savannah had a Lairon in the episode *'A Fan with a Plan'*, it was used in a contest against May's Bulbasaur.

Location: Evolve an Aron if you need a Lairon in your DS adventure games.

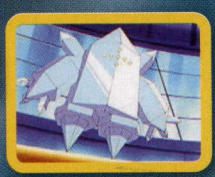
Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.32 > At Lv.42

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 80 ATTACK 50 DEFENSE 100 SP. ATT 100 SP. DEF 200 SPEED 50

Anime: The eighth Pokémon movie *'Lucario and the Mystery of Mew'* has the first appearance of Regice, along with Registeel and Regirock.



Location: No Regice in the *Diamond* or *Pearl* games, you will need to trade to get one, but in *Platinum* you can go to the Iceburg Ruins.

Evolution:
This Pokémon does not evolve

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 65 ATTACK 45 DEFENSE 55 SP. ATT 45 SP. DEF 70 SPEED 45

Anime: Rudy's sister Mahri has a Seel that you can see in the episode *'Misty Meets Her Match'*.

Location: Get yourself over to Routes 226 or 230 in *Pokémon Diamond* only to find a Seel for your Pokédex.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.34

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 40 ATTACK 45 DEFENSE 35 SP. ATT 40 SP. DEF 40 SPEED 90

Anime: Well Meowth appears all the time, as you will know, as it is a member of Team Rocket, but to find its first appearance check out *'Pokémon Emergency'*.

Location: The Trophy Garden is the place to be to find a Meowth in any of the DS adventures.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.28

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 55 ATTACK 81 DEFENSE 60 SP. ATT 50 SP. DEF 70 SPEED 97

Anime: Find the episode *'What I Did for Love'* where you will see that Mollie has a Raticate that she uses in a Gardenia Town contest.

Location: You need to check out Routes 225 and 226 to find a Raticate in *Diamond* or *Pearl*.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.20

Tyranitar

National Pokédex No. 248

Type: ROCK DARK Classification: Armor Pokémon

Height: 6' 07" Weight: 445.3 lbs Ability: Sand Stream

Description: If it rampages, it knocks down mountains and buries rivers. Maps must be redrawn afterward.

Vulpix

National Pokédex No. 37

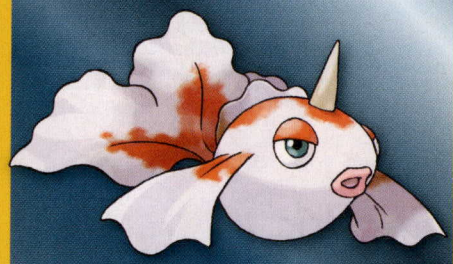
Type: FIRE Classification: Fox Pokémon

Height: 2' 00" Weight: 22.0 lbs Ability: Flash Fire

Description: It controls balls of fire. As it grows, its six tails split from their tips to make more tails.

Goldeen

National Pokédex No. 118



Type: WATER Classification: Goldfish Pokémon

Height: 2' 00" Weight: 33.0 lbs Ability: Swift Swim & Water Veil

Description: It swims at a steady 5 knots. If it senses danger, it will strike back with its sharp horn.

Marshtomp

National Pokédex No. 259

Type: WATER GROUND Classification: Mud Fish Pokémon

Height: 2' 04" Weight: 61.7 lbs Ability: Torrent

Description: Its sturdy legs give it sure footing, even in mud. It burrows into dirt to sleep.

Bidoof

National Pokédex No. 399

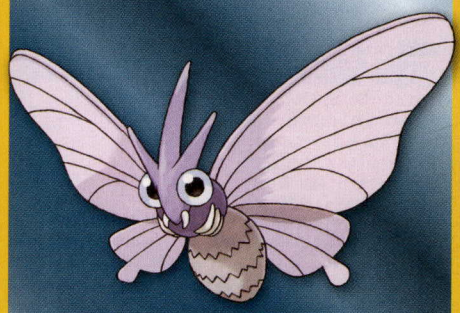
Type: NORMAL Classification: Plump Mouse Pokémon

Height: 1' 08" Weight: 44.0 lbs Ability: Simple & Unaware

Description: It constantly gnaws on logs and rocks to whittle down its front teeth. It nests alongside water.

Venomoth

National Pokédex No. 49



Type: BUG POISON Classification: Poison Moth Pokémon

Height: 4' 11" Weight: 27.6 lbs Ability: Shield Dust & Tinted Lens

Description: It flutters its wings to scatter dustlike scales. The scales leach toxins if they contact skin.

Delibird

National Pokédex No. 225

Type: ICE FLYING Classification: Delivery Pokémon

Height: 2' 11" Weight: 35.3 lbs Ability: Vital Spirit & Hustle

Description: It carries food rolled up in its tail. It has the habit of sharing food with people lost in mountains.

Burmy

National Pokédex No. 412

Type: BUG Classification: Bagworm Pokémon

Height: 0' 08" Weight: 7.5 lbs Ability: Shed Skin

Description: To shelter itself from cold, wintry winds, it covers itself with a cloak made of twigs and leaves.

Unown

National Pokédex No. 201

Type: PSYCHIC Classification: Symbol Pokémon

Height: 1' 08" Weight: 11.0 lbs Ability: Levitate

Description: They seem to communicate among each other telepathically. They are always found stuck on walls.

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 67 DEFENSE 60 SP. ATT 35 SP. DEF 50 SPEED 63

Anime: Another Pokémon that made its debut right back at the beginning in 'Pokémon Emergency'. This time it was owned by Misty.

Location: Try Routes 203, 204, 209, 212, 214, Twinleaf Town, Lake Valor, Lake Acuity, Lake Verity and Sendoff Spring using the Good Rod.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.33

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 38 ATTACK 41 DEFENSE 40 SP. ATT 50 SP. DEF 65 SPEED 65

Anime: Over in Kanto, Brock grabbed a Vulpix from Suzy in the episode 'Pokémon Fashion Flash'.

Location: You will need to use the Dongle method to get this Pokémon. Try Route 209 with a LeafGreen game plugged in, or maybe Route 214.

Evolution:

Basic > With Fire Stone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 100 ATTACK 134 DEFENSE 110 SP. ATT 95 SP. DEF 100 SPEED 61

Anime: The movie *Pokémon 4Ever* was were we first saw Tyranitar in the anime. It got itself captured in a Dark Ball.

Location: Got a Tyranitar-sized gap in your Pokédex? Well you can only fill it by evolving a Pupitar.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.30 > At Lv.55

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 70 ATTACK 65 DEFENSE 60 SP. ATT 90 SP. DEF 75 SPEED 90

Anime: The Gym Leader of Fuchsia City's Gym, Koga, has a Venonat that evolves into a Venomoth in 'The Ninja Poké-Showdown'.

Location: Use the PokéRadar around Route 229 to get yourself one of these.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.31

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: Back view

Base statistics:
HP 59 ATTACK 45 DEFENSE 40 SP. ATT 35 SP. DEF 40 SPEED 31

Anime: There were wild Bidoof to be seen in the episode called 'Following A Maiden's Voyage'.

Location: There are lots of areas to find these Pokémon. Try Lake Verity, the Great Marsh and Routes 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 208 and 211.

Evolution:

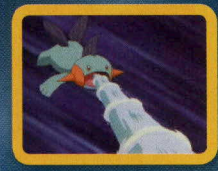
Basic > At Lv.15

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 70 ATTACK 85 DEFENSE 70 SP. ATT 60 SP. DEF 70 SPEED 50

Anime: A guy called Nicolai had a Mudkip that evolved into a Marshtomp just before the episode 'Zig Zag Zangoose'.



Location: There are no Marshtomp Pokémon to be found in *Diamond* or *Pearl*, so use the Pal Park. In *Platinum* you will find one in the Pond.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.16 > At Lv.36

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 48 ATTACK 72 DEFENSE 48 SP. ATT 72 SP. DEF 48 SPEED 48

Anime: The Unown play a large part in the *Pokémon* anime, appearing in many TV episodes and the third movie, *Spell Of The Unown*.

Location: Take a look around the Solaceon Ruins to find Unown Pokémon in your DS games.

Evolution:

Basic

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: Back view

Base statistics:
HP 40 ATTACK 29 DEFENSE 45 SP. ATT 29 SP. DEF 45 SPEED 36

Anime: In 'Some Enchanted Sweetening' a Burmy is caught in the wild by Cheryl after it is lured with honey spread on a tree.

Location: There are three different kinds of Burmy – Plant, Sandy and Trash – and they all love Sweet Honey Trees, so look around these.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.20 > At Lv.20

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 55 DEFENSE 45 SP. ATT 65 SP. DEF 45 SPEED 75

Anime: With an episode in its own name, Delibird first appeared in 'Delibird's Dilemma' where Santa himself owned one!

Location: You need to try Route 216 if you are playing *Diamond* or *Pearl*, or Route 217 in *Platinum* to grab a Delibird.

Evolution:

Basic

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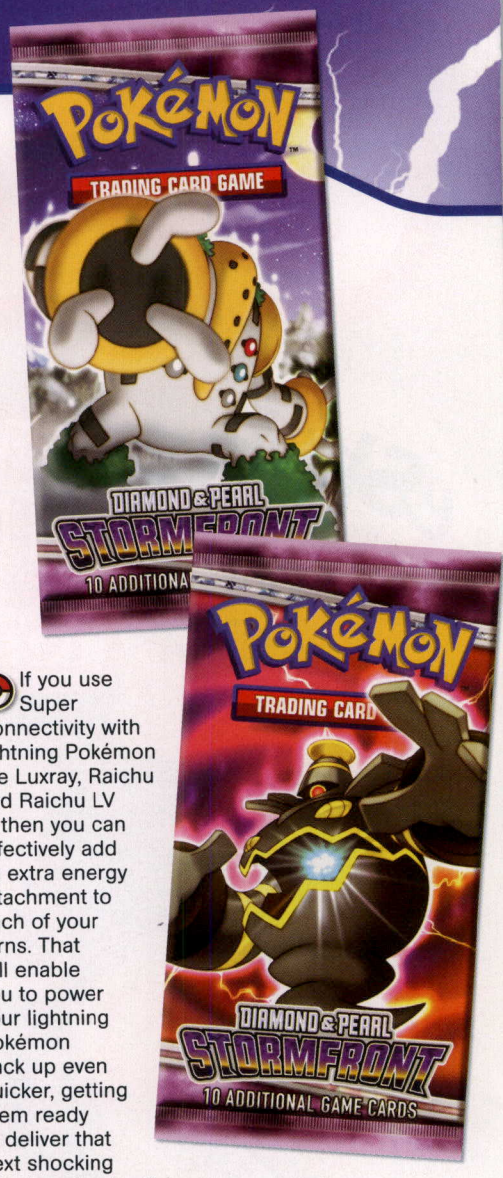

Ditto's Stormfront Hot Picks

Blow away your winter blues with our Hot Picks from the new expansion set...

The Pokémon Trading Card Game Diamond & Pearl set seven, Stormfront, has finally arrived, and it's introducing Pokémon players across the UK to new cards and new strategies. Stormfront has shaken up the meta-game and it has done it just in time for the start of the 2008/2009 City Championship Season (November 2008 to January 2009).

At leagues and tournaments around the UK, Stormfront cards have already started appearing in decks, and it was Kingdra players who were quickest to take the lead with many new Kingdra decks utilising the power of Bronzong to ensure they were discarding water energy when attacking with Dragon Pump.

The online forums have discussed at length just how good they expect Kingdra/Bronzong decks to be, and some of the lists posted have even dropped their Claydol lines completely to make room for Bronzong.

So just why is Bronzong so good in Kingdra decks? Well, by using the Cycler Poké-Power, players can swap one card in their hand back into their decks and search for two basic energy cards. This means that when playing Kingdra you can use its Dragon Pump attack and then discard the two energy cards you got using Cycler, and of course those two energy cards will be water energy so that the Kingdra player sets up to...

Rinse and Repeat

Remember, with a Kingdra deck, a key part of the overall strategy is to get water energy into the discard pile, so you want to get your water energy cards in there quickly. Then they will be there ready to add to the damage caused when Kingdra uses an Aqua Stream attack, at which point you will shuffle the number of water energy cards you decided to show your opponent from your discard pile back into your deck. Then Cycler can go and find them for you to discard all over again. Think of it as the ultimate recycler – it's a real rinse and repeat deck!

But it is not just Bronzong that is attracting attention, the new Magnezone cards, in both their metal and lightning forms, have drawn the attention of deck builders, too. Their Magnetic Search and Super Connectivity Poké-Powers are great for respectively grabbing lightning or metal energy from your deck and putting it into your hand, or attaching a metal or a lightning energy from your discard pile to one of your Pokémon.

If you use Super Connectivity with lightning Pokémon like Luxray, Raichu and Raichu LV X, then you can effectively add an extra energy attachment to each of your turns. That will enable you to power your lightning Pokémon back up even quicker, getting them ready to deliver that next shocking attack and potential knockout blow.

Talking of Raichu and Raichu LV X, we think that with the Link Lightning Poké-Body, Raichu LV X is likely to make a strong impression in upcoming tournaments, it can use this powerful Poké-Body to attack twice a turn.

So, for example, if you were to attack first with Voltage Shoot – which when you discard two lightning energy cards from your hand enables you to choose one of your opponents Pokémon and do 80 damage – that has the potential to deliver a straight knockout blow to a benched Claydol. Then you can use one of Raichu's attacks and attack again, we think that the best follow-up attack would be Burst Ball, which would do 100 damage to your opponent's active Pokémon. That could be two knocked-out Pokémon in just one turn!

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Yes, we know that would mean discarding five energy in just one turn (two from your hand for Voltage Shoot and three from any of your Pokémon in play for Burst Ball), but that seems a small price to pay for the ability to attack twice in one turn. And that 100 damage from Burst Ball should be enough to knock out most stage one Pokémon and would almost certainly KO most stage two Pokémon that have a weakness to lightning attacks – like Kingdra, for example. With Bronzong in your Raichu deck you could guarantee having two energy cards in hand for Raichu LV X to discard to Voltage Shoot.

Now let us look at one of the most anticipated Pokémon in the Stormfront set: Machamp. With his Take Out attack, it does 40 damage for just one energy, but if the Pokémon being attacked is a basic Pokémon, then it will knock out (KO) the defending Pokémon instead of doing any damage.

This gives the Machamp player the potential to first turn KO any basic Pokémon for a 'donk' win. Basically, the Machamp player wants to go second, and then hope to have a hand that will allow them to play a Machamp active, feed one Rare Candy to Machamp, place one energy on Machamp and use Take Out for the win.

It is hard to recover from a KO on the first or second turn, and anyone playing a Pixies/AMU/PUMA deck is going to wince when Machamp attacks. With just one energy required to KO a LV X Azelf, Mesprit or Uxie.

Now some of the smarter pixie players will counter Machamp, if it becomes popular, by running Unown G as a preventative measure. But the Machamp player can strike back and tech in Mismagius from Stormfront, using the Crash Chant attack, it costs no energy and does 20 damage times the number of Pokémon Tool cards discarded (you may choose up to four tools in play). So not only do you get rid of the pesky Unown Gs that have been attached as Pokémon tools, but you get to do damage, too.

And then we come to Machamp in his most dangerous incarnation, here he is a double-edged sword that can cause extra damage to your opponent's Pokémon while he also adds extra damage done to your Pokémon from your opponent's attacks.

Yes, it is time to look at Machamp LV X, this four-armed power-punching Pokémon expends so much energy and concentration on attacking it forgets to defend itself. Because it can add 60 damage to each of your attacks due to the No Guard Poké-Body, Machamp LV X looks a great Pokémon to add to your deck, unfortunately, it also adds 60 damage to each of your opponent's attacks, too!

Now that could be the downside that results in Machamp LV X not seeing much play until you realise that Machamp LV X has an attack with a built-in Focus Band. Consider how difficult it will be for your opponent to get a knockout when you can hit them for 80 a turn using the attack Strong-Willed and on a coin flip of heads, survive a knockout hit from them. Yes, it will leave Machamp with just ten hit points remaining, but any of the older Pokémon Trading Card Game players who remember Focus Band will tell you how a coin flip of heads can change the outcome of a game.

Last issue we wondered whether the rumours about Base Set Charizard reappearing in the Stormfront set were true. By now you probably know that they are true, and that Charmander, Charmeleon and Charizard from the original base set have been reprinted as Ultra Rare Holographic cards in the set. The original illustrations by Mitsuhiro Arita have been updated, the Pokémon have been brought forward and the artwork freshened up. So while they still maintain the look of the base set cards, the new Stormfront 'Zard line looks really cool. Check out the differences and similarities below, which do you think is better? We think both the old and new incarnations are great, but we do have to love the new Holofoil treatment that Stormfront has introduced to the whole evolution line.

Nintendo USA was not content with giving us one set of Ultra Rare Holofoil cards in the Stormfront set, it wanted to do more for collectors and players alike, and has introduced the 'SH' cards in this set. These 'Special Holofoil' or 'shining' cards are harder to find than the Charizard line, and they have to be the hottest picks in the set just because of their rarity.

COMPARE THE OLD AND NEW 'ZARD CARDS...

STORMFRONT CARD LIST – DIAMOND & PEARL SET 7

Rare Holofoil Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
1.	Dusknoir	
2.	Empoleon	
3.	Infernape	
4.	Lumineon	
5.	Magnezone	
6.	Magnezone	
7.	Mismagius	
8.	Raichu	
9.	Regigigas	
10.	Sceptile	
11.	Torterra	

Rare Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
12.	Abomasnow	
13.	Bronzong	
14.	Cherrim	
15.	Drapion	
16.	Drifblim	
17.	Dusknoir	
18.	Gengar	
19.	Gyarados	
20.	Machamp	
21.	Mamoswine	
22.	Rapidash	
23.	Roserade	
24.	Salamence	
25.	Scizor	
26.	Skuntank	
27.	Staraptor	
28.	Steelix	
29.	Tangrowth	
30.	Tyranitar	
31.	Vespiquen	

Uncommon Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
32.	Bibarel	
33.	Budew	
34.	Dusclops	
35.	Dusclops	
36.	Electrode	
37.	Electrode	
38.	Farfetch'd	
39.	Grovyle	
40.	Haunter	
41.	Machoke	
42.	Magneton	
43.	Magneton	
44.	Miltank	
45.	Pichu	
46.	Piloswine	
47.	Pupitar	
48.	Sableye	
49.	Scyther	
50.	Shelgon	
51.	Skarmory	
52.	Staravia	

Common Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
53.	Bagon	
54.	Bidoof	
55.	Bronzor	
56.	Combee	
57.	Cherubi	
58.	Drifloon	
59.	Duskull	
60.	Duskull	
61.	Finneon	
62.	Gastly	
63.	Larvitar	
64.	Machop	
65.	Magikarp	
66.	Magnemite	
67.	Magnemite	
68.	Misdreavus	
69.	Onix	
70.	Pikachu	
71.	Ponyta	
72.	Roselia	
73.	Skorupi	
74.	Snover	
75.	Starly	
76.	Stunky	
77.	Swinub	
78.	Tangela	
79.	Treeko	
80.	Voltorb	
81.	Voltorb	

Stadium, Supporter and Trainer Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
82.	Conductive Quarry	
83.	Energy Link	
84.	Energy Switch	
85.	Great Ball	
86.	Luxury Ball	
87.	Marley's Request	
88.	Poké Blower +	
89.	Poké Drawer +	
90.	Poké Healer +	
91.	Premier Ball – I Said Double Full Heal	
92.	Pokeball	
93.	Switch	
94.	Cyclone Energy	
95.	Warp Energy	

Level X Pokémon Cards

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
96.	Dusknoir LV X	
97.	Heatran LV X	
98.	Machamp LV X	
99.	Raichu LV X	
100.	Regigigas LV X	

Super Rare Chase Cards – The Charizard Line

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
101.	Charmander	
102.	Charmeleon	
103.	Charizard	

Shining Pokémon Chase Cards – Mini Set

Card No.	Card Name	Got it?
SH1.	Drifloon	
SH2.	Duskull	
SH3.	Voltorb	

Ditto's Hot Pick

Filthy swine hit back and hit big!

Now, if like us, you enjoy having fun and frightening your opponent with the threat of some really big attacks, then you may want to consider running a Mamoswarm deck. The deck uses Mamoswine and the Parade attack that has the potential to deliver massive amounts of damage, in fact the maximum attack is a mind-boggling 180 damage a turn!

How does this big woolly mammoth of a Pokémon do that? Well, Parade does 60 damage and then adds ten more damage for each Swinub on your bench, 20 more damage for each Piloswine on your bench and 40 more damage for each Mamoswine on your bench.

By running Mamoswine together with Pokémon like Pachirisu (from Great Encounters) and/or Phione (from Majestic Dawn), it can easily put multiple Swinubs onto the bench using Pachirisu, then you retreat for Phione and start pulling evolutions from your deck by attacking with Evolution Wish.

Alternatively, you could add more Call Energy instead of using Pachirisu to grab those Swinubs, and the let Phione attack to start building your evolution lines. With a good selection of Great Balls, Luxury Balls and Quick Balls, plus Roseanne's Research and Bebe's Search, the deck has no problems finding those basic Pokémon and evolutions it needs when it needs them, even without Pachirisu and Phione.

Of course Rare Candy is there to help speed your evolutions as you work your way to a bench full of pachyderms and your trumpeting Mamoswarm. While new girl on the block Marley in the form of Marley's Request can get those Great Balls, Luxury Balls, Quick Balls and Rare Candies back out of the discard pile ready to use again.

When Ditto picked Mamoswarm as this issue's Hot Pick Deck, he knew that it was not the fastest deck in the current format or even the most competitive. But with this deck you will be playing for fun first, it can, and does, win by doing massive amounts of damage, but it will take time to get there.

We guarantee that when you do get a Mamoswine up and running; your bench is filling up with rapidly evolving Swinubs and Piloswine, your swine herd is getting bigger and the damage you are doing starts increasing to mammoth proportions, we guarantee you will have fun. Oh, and look at your opponent's face when you do get a full bench of Mamoswine and you KO their Pokémon with your first 180 damage attack of the game.

Unfortunately, that's it from Ditto for this issue, next time we will be giving you the details from the first City Championships of the season, the players and the decks that won and we should have some more detail on UK Nationals, so keep watching this space.

THE MAMOSWARM DECK LIST

19 Pokémon
- 4 x Swinub (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 3 x Piloswine (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 3 x Mamoswine (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 1 x Mamoswine (Diamond and Pearl Legends Awakened)
- 2 x Phione (Diamond and Pearl Majestic Dawn)
- 2 x Rotom (Diamond and Pearl Majestic Dawn)
- 2 x Baltoy (Diamond and Pearl Great Encounters)
- 2 x Claydol (Diamond and Pearl Great Encounters)

26 Trainers
- 4 x Quick Ball (Diamond and Pearl Majestic Dawn)
- 2 x Great Ball (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 1 x Luxury Ball (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 3 x Rare Candy (Diamond and Pearl Great Encounters)
- 4 x Bebe's Search (Diamond and Pearl Mysterious Treasures)
- 4 x Roseanne's Research (Diamond and Pearl Secret Wonders)
- 3 x Felicity's Drawing (Diamond and Pearl Great Encounters)
- 3 x Marley's Request (Diamond and Pearl Stormfront)
- 1 x Warp Point (Diamond and Pearl)
- 1 x Night Maintenance

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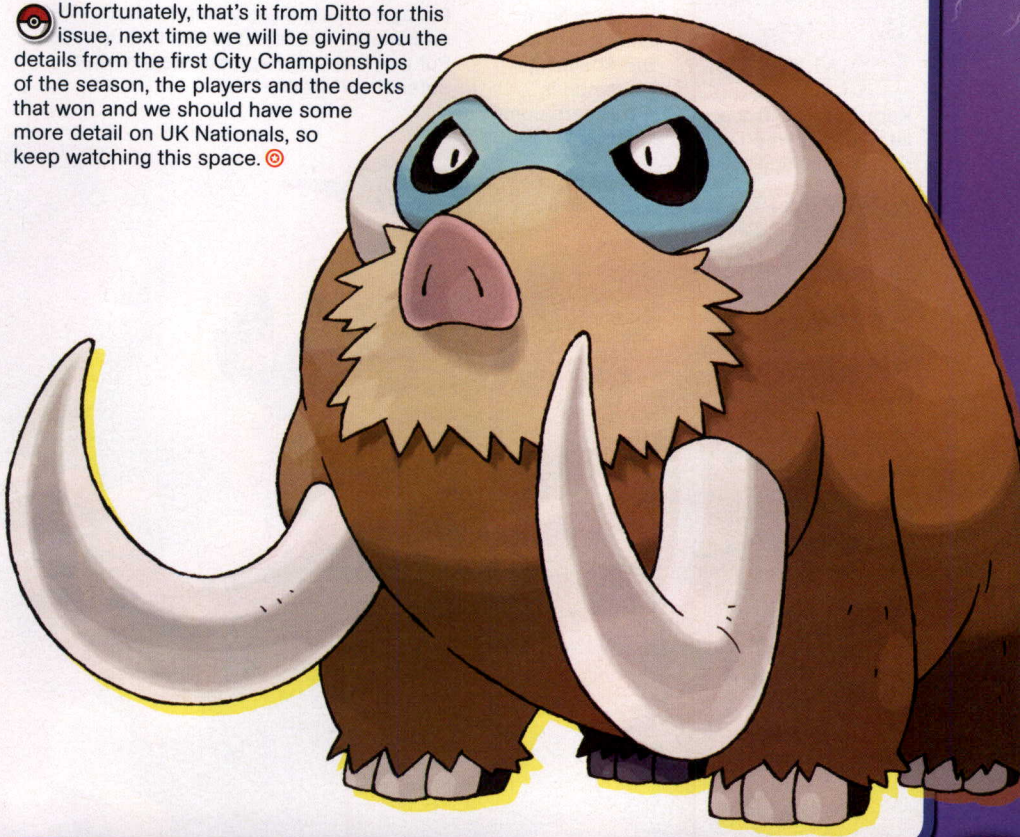
- 5 x Water Energy



Pokémon Trading Card Game News

Special Holos and Charizard make it into Stormfront...

The shiny Drifloon, Voltorb, and Duskull are in our set! They are labelled as their own subset, like the E-card sets' jumbo box-toppers and the Unown of EX Unseen Forces. 'SH1' is Drifloon, while 'SH2' and 'SH3' are Duskull and Voltorb. Each one of them is reverse holo, and cannot be found as non-holo cards. The original Japanese shiny cards had a glossy, holo effect, but the English cards are merely reverse holo (in other words, the Japanese holos looked better).

Latest Diamond & Pearl Pokémon TCG Card errata...

Gengar from the Stormfront expansion is receiving errata to address the correct translation and game effect of the card. It's receiving errata for its Poké-Power, Fainting Spell. Fainting Spell affects your opponent's attacking Pokémon rather than your defending Pokémon. The correct card text should read...

Gengar (Stormfront, 18/100)
Fainting Spell
Once during your opponent's turn, if Gengar would be Knocked Out by damage from an attack, you may flip a coin. If heads, the Attacking Pokémon is Knocked Out. The errata for this card comes into effect immediately. Gengar joins the recently changed Roserade, Magmortar LV X, Entei, Electivire, Electrode and Bannette, who have all had their card text changed to reflect the true effects of their Poke-Powers, PokeBodies and Attacks.

Roserade (Stormfront, 23/100)
Hidden Poison
If Roserade is your active Pokémon and is damaged by an opponent's attack (even if Roserade is Knocked Out), the attacking Pokémon is now Poisoned.

Magmortar LV X (Mysterious Treasures, #123)
Flame Bluster
Discard two Fire Energy cards attached to Magmortar. Choose one of your opponent's Pokémon. This attack does 100 damage to that Pokémon. (Don't apply Weakness and Resistance for benched Pokémon.) During your next turn, Magmortar can not use Flame Bluster.

Entei (Secret Wonders, #4)
Blaze Roar
Does 20 damage to one of your opponent's benched Pokémon. (Don't apply Weakness and Resistance for benched Pokémon.) Flip a coin. If tails, discard two Fire Energy cards attached to Entei.

Electivire (Secret Wonders, #25)
Discharge
Discard all Lightning Energy attached to Electivire. Flip a coin for each Lightning Energy card you discarded. This attack does 50 damage times the number of heads.

Banette has been changed, too. The first attack on the card is Ghost Head, and it can not be used to cause Banette to Knock Out itself... the attack has to leave Banette with at least ten HP.

Banette (Secret Wonders, #23)
Ghost Head attack
Put as many damage counters as you like on Banette. (You can't Knock Out Banette.) Put that many damage counters on the defending Pokémon.

Electrode is receiving errata for the card to reflect that its Poké-Power can trigger when any attack knocks out Electrode, not just during its owner's turn.

Electrode (Secret Wonders, #26)
Energy Shift Poké-Power
If Electrode would be Knocked Out by damage, you may use this power. Electrode isn't discarded. Instead, attach it as an Energy card to one of your Pokémon. While attached, this card is a Special Energy card and provides every type of Energy, but provides only one Energy at a time. (Has no effect other than providing Energy.)

GUK Nationals – 23 May 2009?...

It seems almost certain that next year UK Nationals will be held in May, and that it will very probably be held some time over the May spring Bank Holiday weekend. Assuming it is held on a Saturday, like all the other UK Nationals have, then the 23rd May 2009 seems like a good bet.

We must stress that this is not confirmed by Pokémon Organised Play – yet – but we think it is worth pencilling the date into your diary for next year.

We asked UK Organised Play Managers D&A Games to comment, and they told us that an announcement will be made in January to confirm the date and probable venue for UK Nationals. In the meantime, we were asked to confirm that, once again, UK Nationals will be an open tournament where anyone can play. We will give you more details as we know them and you can find local tournaments and leagues listed at...
www.go-pokemon.com/op

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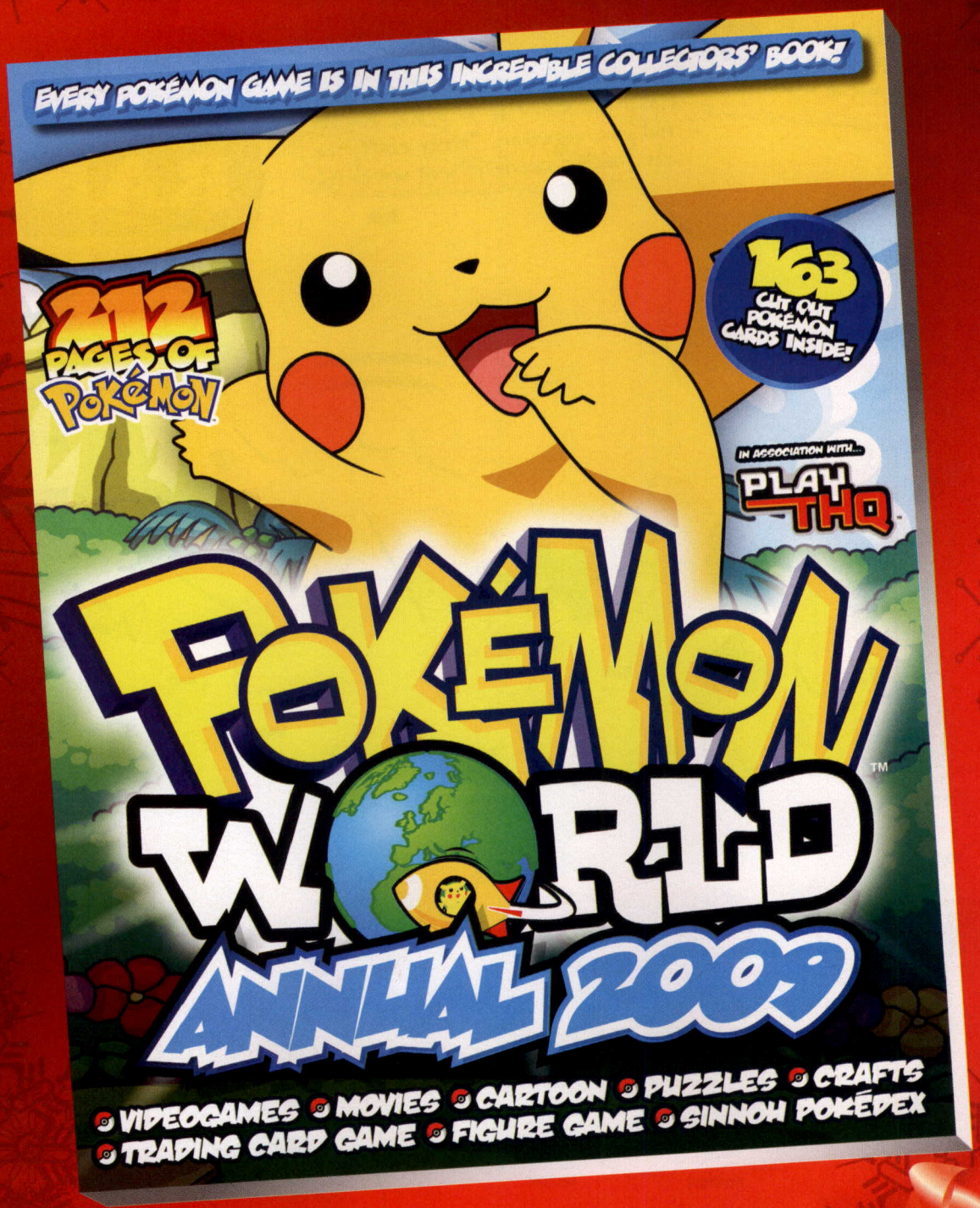
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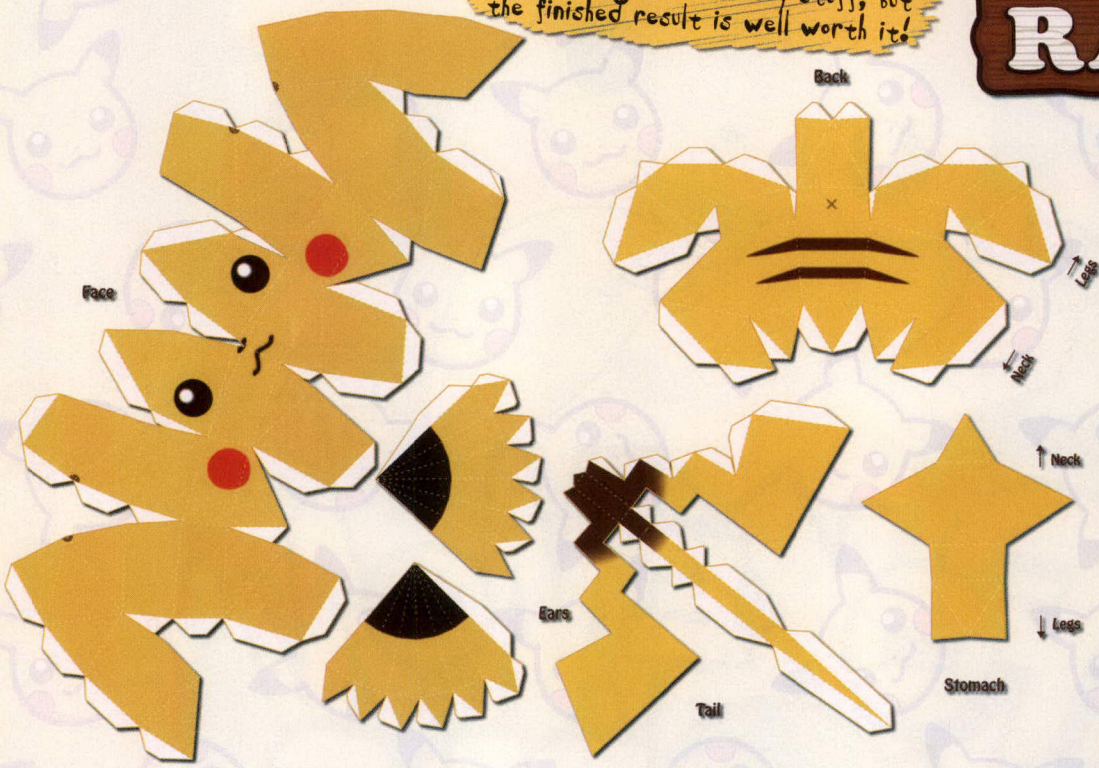
MAKE and do!

Here's something to keep you busy over the Christmas holidays... point your web browser to the Pokémon.com website and you can download cool models of Pikachu, Turtwig, Piplup and Chimchar to print, cut out and glue together. Tricky stuff, but the finished result is well worth it!

My Pokémon Ranch



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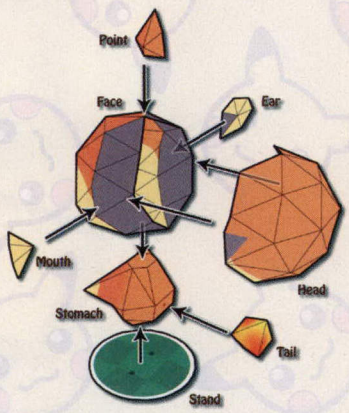

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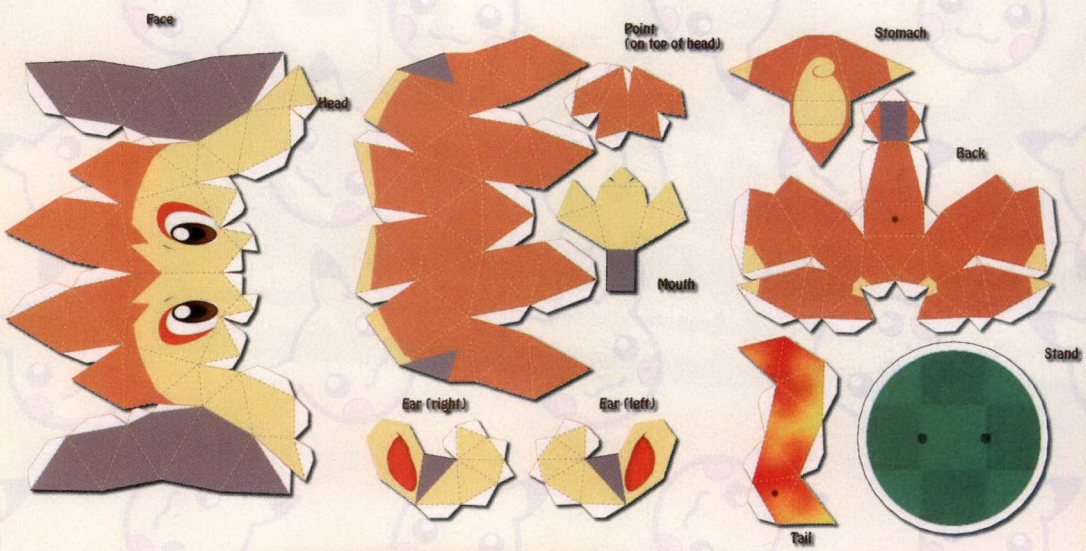


The website you need to point your PC web browser to is...

www.pokemon.com/#ranch_PaperPika

Here's another great item for you to make... it's a card holder for your Pokémon Trading Cards!

All you need to do is glue this page to a piece of cardboard, cut out the box (by carefully cutting on the outer black lines), then fold the box together and glue the tabs into place where shown. Ta-daa! A cool box to keep your cards in.

Can you think of a good Make and Do project? Write in and let us know!

2. CUT OUT THE BOX

3. FOLD ALONG THE LINES

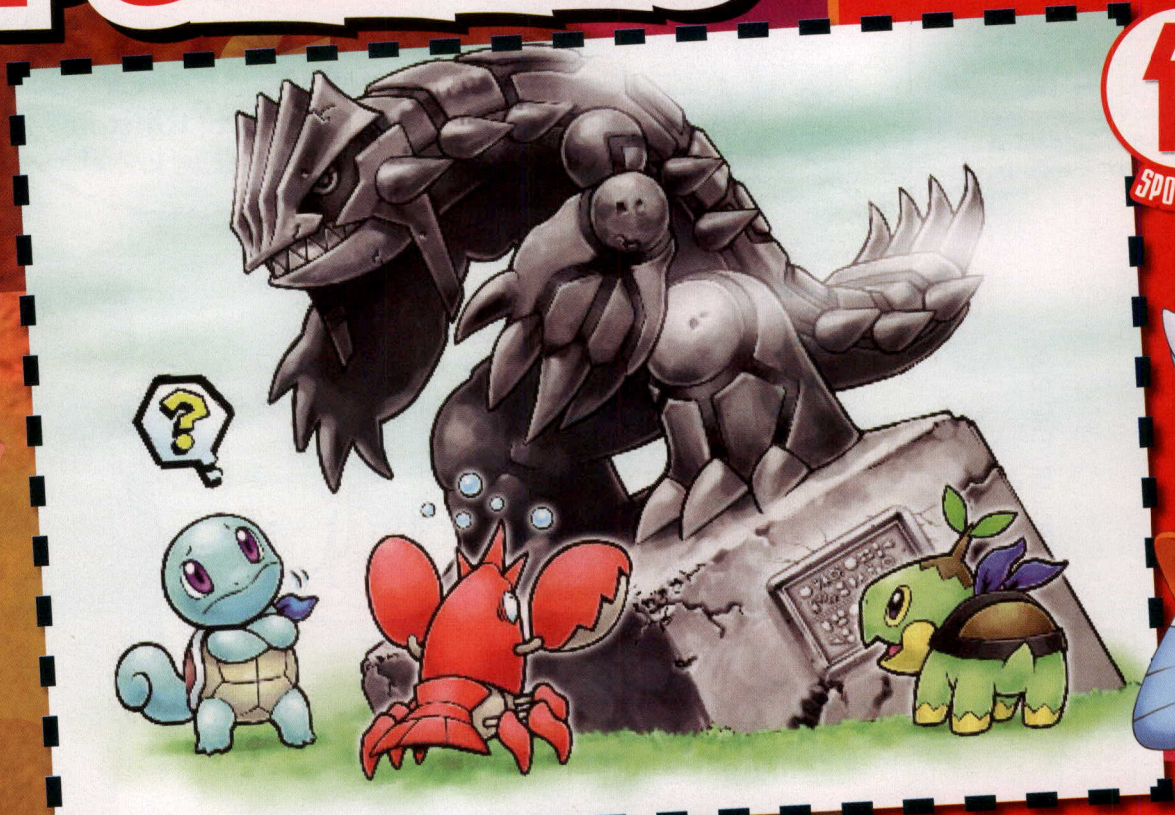
1. GLUE THIS PAGE TO A PIECE OF CARDBOARD FOR STRENGTH

4. GLUE THE TABS INTO PLACE

POKÉ PUZZLES

Explorers Of Darkness Spot the Difference!

Take a look at these two pictures of a scene from *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Explorers Of Darkness*. We have cleverly made six changes to the second picture. Can you spot them all? Circle the differences and then look out for the answers in the next issue!



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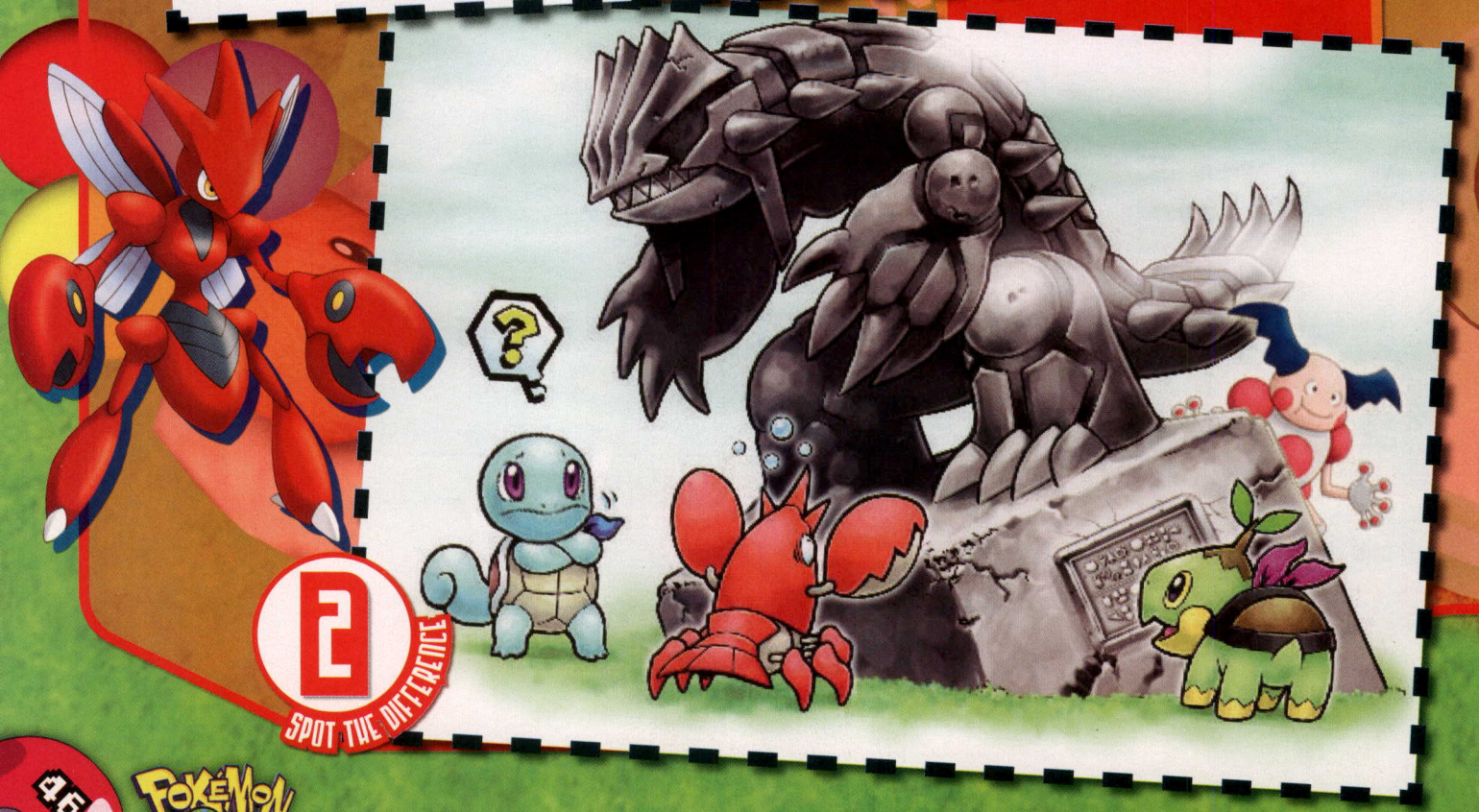

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Bug Pokémon Sudoku

Take a look at the coloured rectangles of six blocks below. Each one can only contain one of each Pokémon. Each row in the puzzle can also only contain one of each Pokémon and so can each column. Fill in the missing Pokémon by drawing them in – good luck!

Ace anagrams

Here are five anagrams. Can you rearrange the letters to find the names of five *Pokémon* games?

LAMP UNIT

REFLEXES RIOT MOP

PEACHY MONK MORN

RELIVABLE NUT TOOT

SALAMI DASH WOOF

Unscramble the Pokémon Game!

Take a look at the 11 scrambled words here. They are all words that come from a brand new *Pokémon* game on Nintendo DS. Firstly, unscramble the letters to find the words, then, following the numbers under the blocks, copy them into the blocks below. When you're finished, these blocks should spell the name of the *Pokémon* game that the words are from!

STSIAS

NIISOMS

PETCAUR

SYLRET

RODLEWVRO

LIDEF

RENATPR

WADSSHO

LAMAI

POKMOEN

SUEQTS

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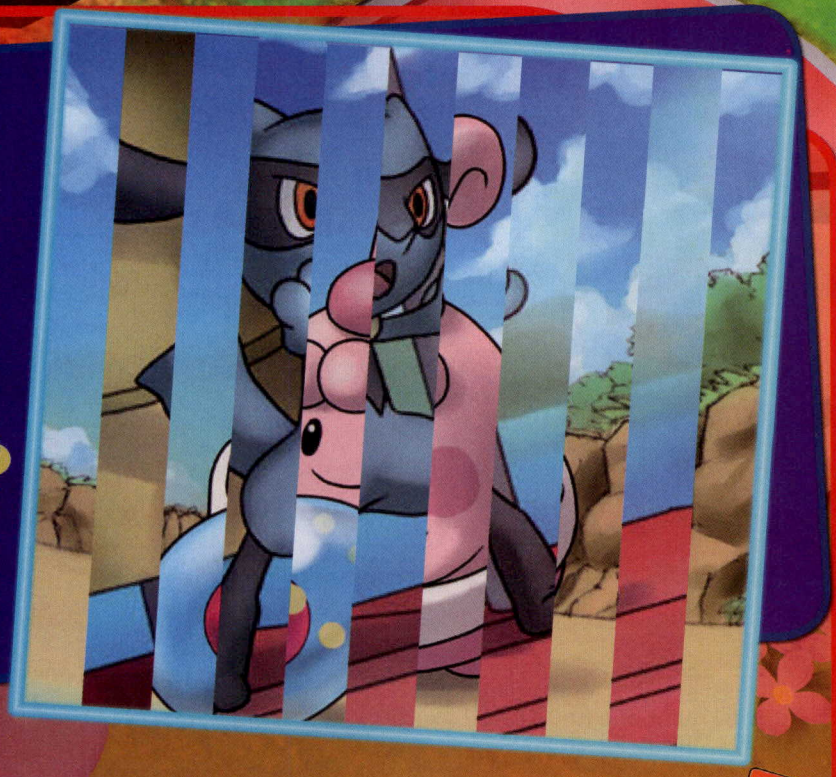
Monster Splicer!

There are two Pokémon hiding in this spliced picture. Can you identify both of them?



Pokémon Cartoon Wordsearch!

Think you know your *Pokémon* cartoons? Try to find these 20 words from Ash's adventures with Pokémon...

- ADVANCEDBATTLE
- ASH
- BATTLEFRONTIER
- CERULEANCITY
- CHRONICLES
- DIAMONDANDPEARL
- ELECTRIC
- HOENN
- ICHOOSEYOU
- INDIGOLEAGUE
- JOHTOSAGA
- LEAGUE
- MOONSTONE
- ORANGELEAGUE
- PIKACHU
- POKEBALL
- POKEMON
- SINNOH
- TEAMROCKET
- WHIRLISLANDS

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ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES...

Dark-type Shadow Pokémon: Umbreon, Murkrow, Sneasel, Carvanha, Houndour, Skuntank, Tyranitar.

Shadows Of Almia Spot the Difference

Pokémon Movie Wordsearch

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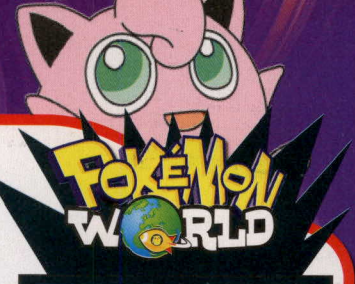

12 GREAT POKÉMON MOMENT

Ash and the Gang Arrive at the Safari Zone

After searching for a few episodes, Ash, Brock and Misty finally find the Safari Zone and are all excited about the rare Pokémon they might find inside...

Having learned of the Safari Zone – a place where you can pay money to catch rare Pokémon – Ash, Brock and Misty search the land around Fuchsia City to find this exciting place. Eventually they come across it, in the episode called 'The Legend Of Dratini', an episode that has never aired outside of Japan. There's a grumpy old warden in charge of the Safari Zone, and while the gang pay their money, we discover that pesky Team Rocket is hiding out on the roof, listening to Ash's plans. The warden soon spots them, and they find out why he carries a gun under his arm wherever he goes! There's something strange about this warden though, as Ash discusses with Professor Oak when he calls him to tell him about the adventure they are about to embark on.

The warden has pictures of himself with a Dratini all over his office. Oak thinks that perhaps there is a Dratini in the Safari Zone, but the warden wants to keep it a secret to avoid losing it like so many rare Pokémon have been lost. But it's not long before Ash is catching his first Pokémon in the zone – a Tauros from a herd that stampede as they enter. What else will the Safari Zone have to offer? You'll have to track this episode down and watch it to find out! ⊙

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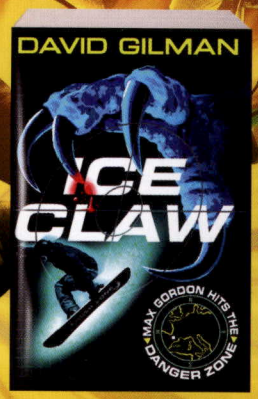

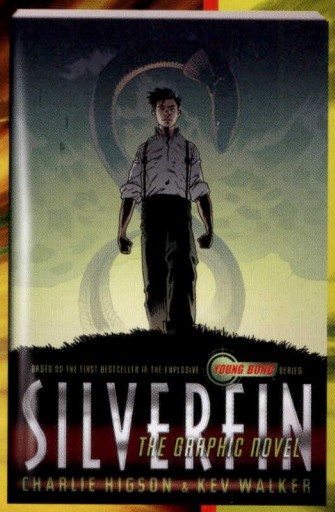

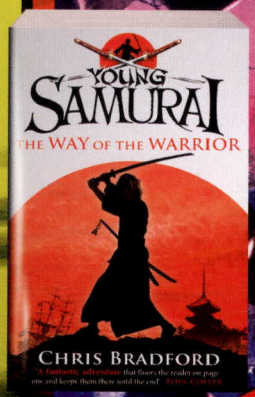

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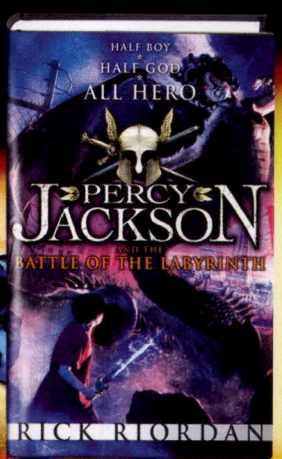

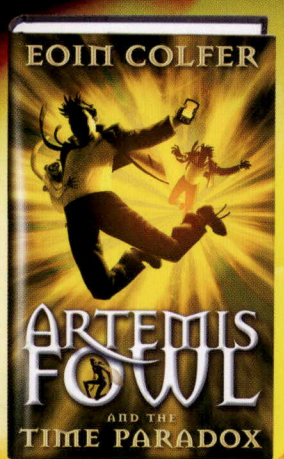

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